

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

of the

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE



**Year Ending December 31,
1947**

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1947

ELECTED OFFICERS

TREASURER—Norbert C. Benoit 1949

TOWN CLERK—Clare P. Boyer 1950

SELECTMEN

Rosario Arpin, Chairman 1948 Emery Lavallee, Clerk 1948
Wesley K. Cole 1948

PUBLIC WELFARE

Hermas Lippe 1948 Marie Lariviere 1949
Ovide Desrosier, Chairman 1950

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Ovide Desrosier, Chairman Hermas Lippe
Marie Lariviere

ASSESSORS

Joseph T. Gervais 1948 Joseph Lafleche 1949
Charles Normandin 1950

BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert W. DeJourdy D. S. C. 1948 Ernest Tetrault 1949
Raymond F. Haling M. D. 1950

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

George Lafleche, Clerk 1948 Lionel Duval, Chairman 1949
Arthur Bachand 1950

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

Arthur Roy, Chairman 1948 James Murphy 1948
Rosario Arpin 1948 Ovila Donais 1949
Arthur Cabana 1950 Lectance Landry 1950

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Arthur Gaumond 1948 Joseph Normandin 1948
Hector M. LeClair, Sr. 1949 Ernest Boyer 1949
Paul Benoit 1950 William J. Brunelle 1950

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Wardwell Edwards 1948 Bernard Guertin 1949
George Dumas 1950

CONSTABLES

Blaise Trudeau 1948 Raoul Meunier 1948
Bernard Richard 1948

TAX COLLECTOR—Mederic Duhamel 1948

PLANNING BOARD

J. George Page 1948 Mitchell Kurposka 1949
Edward Seremet 1950 George Duquette 1951
Bernardo Raimondo—1952

SEWER COMMITTEE

Leo Allard 1948 J. George Page 1949
Alfred Goudreau 1950

PARK COMMISSIONERS

John E. Farland 1948 Roland Langevin 1949
Wilfred P. Gauthier 1950

MODERATOR—Valmore P. Tetrault 1948

TREE WARDEN—Wilbur Wilson 1948

COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

Ignac Zacycki 1948 Ernest J. Lavallee 1949
Leon Bouthillier 1950

SOUTHBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Francois C. Sansoucy 1948 Omer L. Perron 1949
Arthur Cabana 1950 Emile J. Martin 1951
John J. Hogan (Appointed by the State) 1949

APPOINTED OFFICERS

ASSISTANT CLERK, SELECTMEN—Julian C. Gabree

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—Joseph E. Desrosier 1948

TOWN COUNSEL—John J. O'Shaughnessy, Jr. 1948

TOWN ENGINEER—Henry A. Racicot

VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

Paul Benoit, Director Constance Plouffe, Clerk
VETERANS BENEFITS AGENT—Paul Benoit

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

Hector LeClair, Jr. Joseph Piasta

Anthony Deterando
Rev. Walter Kraft
Norman Leblanc
Albert Simonds
John E. Farland
Lorenzo Beaupre

Alton K. Marsters
Emil Martin
Alphonse Renna
Roland Langevin
Leopold Poirier
Wilfred Gauthier

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Albert DiGregorio 1948 Edmund Ryan 1949
Philip Gauthier 1950 Dwight K. Bartlett 1951
Herbert W. Wilkinson 1952

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—Wililam L. Bourgeois

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK—John P. Caves

POUND KEEPER—Frederick L. Dowling

KEEPERS OF LOCK-UP—Ulric Brault, Ernest Cadarette

CUSTODIAN OF TOWN HALL—Olivier Proulx

ANIMAL INSPECTOR — PLUMBING INSPECTOR—
MILK INSPECTOR—Joseph A. Chagnon

BUILDING INSPECTOR—Armand DeAngelis

WIRE INSPECTOR—Arthur J. Eno

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES—G. Rudolph Lariviere

LIBRARY TRUSTEES—FOR THE TOWN

Oswald J. Laliberte 1948 Dr. Nerio Pioppi 1949
Wardwell M. Edwards 1950

FOR THE FUND

Gertrude W. Smith
Arthur Kay

John O. Martin
W. Wesley Crawford

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Seaver M. Rice 1948 Armand Fortin 1949
John J. O'Shaughnessy, Sr. 1950 Clare P. Boyer

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT—Wilbur Wilson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oswald Meunier, Chief George W. Laughnane, Deputy Chief
SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM—James C. Sandgren
FIRE WARDEN—Oswald Meunier

DEPUTY WARDENS

Daniel Daniels
Joseph Mandeville
Emile Caouette
Romeo Lippe

Harry Michaels
Albert Servant
Rosario Bellerose
Archie Langevin

FENCE VIEWERS

Mitchell Kurposka
Euclid Gatineau

Alphonse Renna
David Mellor

HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

Bernard Beauregard
Raymond Benoit
Edmund Ryan

Armand DeAngelis
George A. Watson
Ronaldo Guertin

Doris Loiselle

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Thomas L. Hughes
John J. Hogan

Clifford McKinstry
Royce Fitzpatrick

FIELD DRIVERS

Ulric Brault

Ovila Martin

James Laughnane

SOLDIERS BURIAL OFFICERS

William J. Congdon

Arthur Eno

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Raymond McKinstry
Wardwell M. Edwards
Jacob Edwards
Ralph McKinstry
Herman Staves
Loretta Fitzpatrick

Royce Fitzpatrick
Eleanor Drake
Beatrice Homicz
Harry Michaels
Thomas Hughes
William Cox

ATTENDANCE OFFICER—Raoul Lataille

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ernest Coderre 1948
Oswald Laliberte 1948
Anthony Deterando 1948
Omer L. Perron 1949
Albert Simonds 1949
George Metras 1950
Vincent Walsh 1950

Peter Graf 1948
Roland Meunier 1948
Ernest Fontaine 1949
Christopher Thomas 1949
Myron B. Clemence 1949
Leo Dandurand 1950
Aloysius Koproski 1950

Allen Richmond 1950

INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM—G. Rudolph Lariviere

DOG OFFICER—Albert Lamarine

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

Henry Racicot
Leopold Lemmelin

Dr. Raymond Haling
Armand DeAngelis

CARE OF VETERANS GRAVES

Clarence Desaulnier

William J. Congdon

RETIREMENT BOARD

Joseph Desrosier

Norbert C. Benoit

J. Alfred Dumas

JURY LIST

Name and Occupation	Address
Allard, Roland A. J.—Bus Driver	9 Federal Avenue
Arpin, Armand—Foreman	83 Plimpton Street
Bachand, Arthur N.—Machine Operator	39 School Street
Bachand, Edward E.—Carpenter	16 Williams Street
Beauregard, Alexander—Clerk	401 Main Street
Benson, Arthur J.—Truer	29 Sayles Street
Bertrand, Urban G.—U. S. Army	370 Hamilton Street
Bibeau, Rodolphe—Machinist	53 Worcester Street
Blair, Alfred—Laborer	135 Worcester Street
Blanchette, Omer—Truck Driver	40 Cross Street
Blute, Harold—Taxi Driver	564 Main Street
Boiteau, Anthony—Optical Worker	71 Sayles Street
Boucher, Raymond—Optical Worker	127 Everett Street
Brodeur, Antonio—Clerk	114 Pine Street
Buckley, John T.—Optical Worker	28 Harding Street
Blair, Elmer S.—Clerk	281 Woodstock Road
Blais, Napoleon—Moulder	402 Worcester Street
Cabana, Arthur—Spec. Maker	10 Oaks Avenue
Caron, Phillias	109 High Street
Carrier, Raymond C.—Shipping Clerk	13 Avenue A
Caron, Anatole, Jr.—Machinist	33 River Street
Carpentier, Noe N.—Machinist	246 Mechanic Street
Carpentier, William—Merchant	228 Hamilton Street
Caroll, William P.—U. S. Army	50 Lens Street
Cartier, Joseph Jr.—Assembler	17 Pleasant Street
Chamberland, Theodore—Machine Operator	99 Cross Street
Chamberlain, Leopold—Assembler	43 Lebanon Street
Chapdelaine, Dorida—Textile Worker	59 Fiske Street
Chapdelaine, Gedeon—Grinder	191 Worcester Street
Ciesla, Anthony—Contractor	292 Pleasant Street
Clemence, George H. Sr.—Foreman	Clemence Hill
Coderre, Henry F.—Merchant	560 South Street
Collette, Viateur—Moulder	117 Cross Street
Costa, Sotir V.—Merchant	9 Curtis Street
Cournoyer, Aldori—Textile Worker	81 Pleasant Street
Cournoyer, Norman H.—Farm Hand	59 Fiske Street
Cottu, Wilfred	14 Roberts Street
DeAngelis, Philip—Draftsman	80 Sayles Street
Daigle, Alexander—Foreman	69 Highland Street
Dufault, Joseph—Laborer	156 Mechanic Street
Dulmaine, Walter—Retired	88 Pine Street
Dupaul, Leon A.—Foreman	250 Marcy Street

Duquette, Albert F.—Cutlery Worker	14 Worcester Street
Duphinais, Adelard—Polisher	199 Charlton Street
Desaulniers, Leo J.—Machinist	Lebanon Hill Road
Donais, Armand—Soldier	444 Worcester Street
Duquette, George—Grinder	Elm Street
Dumas, Alfred J., Jr.	986 Main Street
Eno, Arthur J.	76 Pine Street
Fafard, Wilfred—Back Tender	11 Columbia Street
Farland, Norman—Optical Worker	49 Coombs Street
Flood, Henry F. Retired—	300 Hamilton Street
Fontaine, Alpha—Truer	Amidown District
Gaumont, Harvey—Chauffer	144 Everett Street
Gagne, Alfred—Foreman	152 Worcester Street
Gamache, George—Knife Worker	105 North Street
Gaudette, Noe—Janitor	318 Hamilton Street
Gaumont, Armand—Trucking	711 Main Street
Gaumont, Eugene T.—Retired	16 Gardner Street
Gauthier, Valmore—Foreman	5 Fiske Street
Gendron, Albert—U. S. Marines	42 Thomas Street
Gendron, Raymond—Clerk	178 Mechanic Street
Genereux, Louis W.—Stem Fitter	206 Main Street
Graf, Peter F.—Foreman	38 Golf Street
Grenier, William—Defense Worker	53 Pleasant Street
Hackett, Howard—Engineer	61 School Street
Hebert, Armand F.—Machine Operator	55 Coombs Street
Hebert, Joseph A.—Truck Driver	3 Moon Street
Hetu, Louis—Janitor	48 Dresser Street
Holton, Frank B.—Retired	Elm Street
Julien, Joseph A.—Mail Carrier	733 Newall Avenue
Leduc, Arthur W.—Truer	117 Worcester Street
Lapoint, Lionel—Shipper	398 Worcester Street
Lacasse, Hormidas—Optical Worker	2 Lens Street
Lafleche, Albert—Foreman	59 Main Street
Lajeunesse, Edward—Millhand	21 Wall Street
Lamontagne, Henry—Unemployed	37 River Street
Lamothe, Charles D.—Moulder	23 Chestnut Street
Landry, Lectance—Painter	34 Lens Street
Landry, Victory—Press Worker	800 Worcester Street
Lataille, Frank—Optical Worker	284 Mechanic Street
Lataille, Joseph C.—Retired	39 Henry Street
Lavallee, Napoleon A.—Clerk	46 School Street
Lavallee, Adelard—Shear Tender	75 Crystal Street
Leblanc, Leon D.—Fixer	364 Hamilton Street
LePage, Adelard—Foreman	122 Litchfield Street
Libera, Joseph—Optical Worker	9 Ballard Court
Lippe, Clement—Optical Worker	711 Main Street
Loranger, Edward—Defense Worker	127 Pleasant Street
Loranger, Napoleon J.—Retired	18 Pine Street
Lynch, Charles—Inspector	26 School Street

Langlois, George—Optical Worker	11 Windsor Court
Lemoine, James—Press Operator	33 Henry Street
Lemoine, Ferdinand—Supervisor	22 Edwards Street
Lenti, Frank—Auto Dealer	16 Williams Street
Maloney, Philip—Bridge Maker	87 Edwards Street
Marand, Napoleon—Polisher	276 Mechanic Street
Mathieu, Isaac—Salesman	50 Coombs Street
Matte, Osa—Dyer	77 Moon Street
Mitchell, Irving—Clerk	47 Oliver Street
Monaco, James A.—Clerk	115 North Street
Monette, Moise G.—Clerk	50 Coombs Street
Moriarty, Timothy J.—Finisher	150 Pleasant Street
McDonald, Laurant—Grinder	23 Wardwell Court
Nichols, Thomas—Press Worker	29 Fiske Street
Normandin, Joseph—Truer	14 Dresser Street
O'Shaughnessy, John J., Sr.	164 Hamilton Street
Lucier, Leo—Painter	31 Randolph Street
Paquette, Walter—Janitor	Brickyard Road
Paquin, William—Inspector	32 Worcester Street
Patenaude, George J.—Warper	12 Pine Street
Paulhus, Albert—Gate Tender	199 Charlton Street
Paulhus, Theodore A. Jr.—Clerical	172 Mechanic Street
Parent, Joseph G.—Retired	348 Hamilton Street
Peloquin, Armand—Lens Polisher	86 Worcester Street
Peloquin, Felix—Wire Inspector	27 Coombs Street
Peloquin, Narcisse—Repairman	62 Green Street
Peloquin, Philip—Painter	216 Everett Street
Perron, Homer L.—Merchant	215 Marcy Street
Picard, Alfred—Optical Worker	402 Main Street
Pinsonneault, Richard—Inspector	35 South Street
Plouffe, George E.—Repairer	135 Marcy Street
Pratt, Walter W.—Farmer	873 Woodstock Road
Proulx, Charles F.—Carpenter	81 Mill Street
Proulx, Joseph D.—Cook	46 South Street
Palmerino, Julio—Weaver	41 Chestnut Street
Parent, Amie—Electrician	9 Hillcrest Avenue
Pasaj, Alphonse—Waiter	36 Pleasant Street
Pelletier, Norman H.—Optical Worker	2 Cross Street
Power, Christopher—Foreman	Meadowbrook Road
Raimondo, Bernard L.—Taxi Driver	21 High Street
Ravenelle, Raoul J.—Clerk	65 River Street
Richard, George—Grinder	142 Charlton Street
Roberts, Gerald G.—Superintendent	23 Oaks Avenue
Shea, William T.—Bartender	1 Hill Avenue
St. Germain, Joseph—Laborer	120 Sayles Street
St. Martin, George—Optical Worker	28 Coombs Street
St. Pierre, Rodolph J.—Machinist	10 Rose Street
Sansoucy, Leonard—Bookkeeper	449 Hamilton Street
Santo, Domin—Foreman	462 Elm Street

Stypulkowski, Anthony—Machine Operator	110 Sturbridge Road
St. George, Regnault—Machinist	38 Foster Street
Sullivan, John B.—Draftsman	40 South Street
Tavernier, Omer J.—Edger	10 Lens Street
Tetrault, Eugene—Clerk	53 Fiske Street
Trahan, Ovilla—Carpenter	16 Clark Street
Trudeau, Blaise—Retired	35 Central Street
Varin, Raymond—Foreman	110 Mechanic Street
Walsh, Vincent T.	48 Cohasse Street
Walsh, John S.—Carpenter	8 Summer Street
Welsh, Joseph F.—Optical Worker	4½ Windsor Court
Zisk, Joseph—Shipper	41 Water Street

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

In respectfully submitting the report of the Board of Selectmen for the year 1947, we wish to confine ourselves to the major events of the year. Many of our duties are routine in nature and would be of little interest in a report. Regular weekly meetings of the Board were held for the purpose of handling the ordinary volume of business coming under our jurisdiction. Most of the time, at these meetings also, we granted interviews or hearings to individuals and groups having business to transact with the Town. We held special meetings on many occasions for the purpose of discussing current matters with various committees and departments .

Our aim during the entire year was to give the people good and sound government at a minimum cost. We wish to emphasize at this time that the tax rate is not determined by the Board of Selectmen and that we have little control over it. It is determined by the amount of money appropriated by the voters, and generally speaking, as was the case in 1947, most of the appropriations were made at the annual meeting.

We have tried, as much as possible, to eliminate special town meetings. There is always a danger that action taken at special meetings is not indicative of the will of the majority of townspeople. There is also the danger that extra burdens may be imposed on the taxpayers as a result of appropriations made at said meetings. However, for many reasons, it is impossible to eliminate them altogether. Because of unforeseen conditions which are not known at the time the budgets of the several departments are submitted to the voters in March, it becomes necessary to hold special meetings to meet those conditions. We have followed the policy, during the year, of inserting in warrants for special meetings only articles which were submitted to us by other municipal departments or articles which bore the necessary number of signatures to compel us to insert them. In fairness to the elected members of other departments, we felt morally obligated to call special meetings whenever the exigencies of their departments required prompt action.

The income of the Board for 1947 was \$16,930.50. It was received from the following items.

22 Wine and Malt	3,300.00
35 One Day Wine and Malt	35.00
2 Special Wine and Malt	17.00
4 Seasonal All-Alcoholic	600.00
127 Taxi Driver Licenses	127.00
40 Taxi Owner Licenses	40.00
51 Common Victuallers' Licenses	153.00
38 Sunday Store Licenses	114.00
18 Auto Dealer Licenses	54.00
4 Innholder Licenses	12.00
9 Lodging House Licenses	9.00

15 Storage Tank Licenses	7.50
3 Dry Cleaner Licenses	3.00
4 To Sell Fire Arms Licenses	12.00
67 Overhanging Sign Permits	67.00
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Total Licenses	\$14,800.50
Town Hall Rental	880.00
Court House Rentals	1,200.00
Lock-Up Rentals	50.00
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Total Rentals	\$2,130.00

Total	\$16,930.50
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The expenses of operating our department are given in the report prepared by the Town Accountant and for that reason are not enumerated here.

Many problems were brought to our attention during the course of the year which came under the jurisdiction of other departments. These were referred to the proper departments and were taken care of expeditiously. We have found all other departments and officials to be very cooperative, thereby giving the people of Southbridge an efficient over-all administration.

We wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the other Town Departments, committees and others who have co-operated with us during the year to promote good government.

ROSARIO ARPIN, Chairman

EMERY LAVALLEE, Clerk

WESLEY K. COLE

Board of Selectmen

VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Southbridge, Mass.
Gentlemen:

Following the second report to be submitted by the Veterans Service Department concerning its activities.

We list here below the various services rendered to the veterans of Southbridge in the past year:

Allotment or Allowance	45
Civil Service	9
Burial	23
Compensation	4
Discharge	
Copy	11
Recorded	61
Education-Training-Rehabilitation	405
Employment	34
Filing for Bonus	114
Flags	2
Gratuity—6 months	3
Hospitalization	27
Housing	24
Information	12
Insurance	170
Legal	8
Loans	40
Medical-Dental	90
Miscellaneous	146
Notarization	539
Pensions	75
Photostat	1089
Readjustment Allowance	22
Social Security	4
Taxes	26
Terminal Leave	509
Unemployment Compensation	31
Veterans Benefits	156

During the course of the year, we have had a total of 3,679 veterans and their dependents avail themselves of the services of this office.

On two occasions we have had the pleasure in cooperation with the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Recruiting Officers in this area, to distribute 179 Victory Medals and 27 National Defense Medals.

In September of the past year, the Director of Veterans Services of this town, at the request of Governor Bradford, was appointed Field Agent for the Massachusetts Department of Labor, this Field

Agent to act as mediator between employers and veteran employees on questions of re-instatement rights.

In October, this Department acquired a photo-copying machine in order to render a more complete service. Prior to this date, the American Optical Company furnished us with copies of discharges, at no cost to the Town of Southbridge.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all Town Departments, local industries and all others with whose cooperation the services of this Department were carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. BENOIT, Director

HONOR ROLL COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

The balance of our appropriation for painting and maintaining the Honor Roll is \$139.51.

The sum of \$277.32 was spent in keeping the 2nd World War Honor Roll clean and up-to-date.

We hope to have the list of names printed in 1948 so the town will have a record of Southbridge people who served in this War.

Respectfully submitted

BERNARD BEAUREGARD

RAYMOND BENOIT

RENALDO GUERTIN

DORIS LOISELLE

GEORGE WATSON

AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Town of Southbridge.

The Southbridge Airport Commission at the annual town meeting in March 1947 received no appropriation for maintenance activities at the airport and its activities therefore were confined during 1947 to encouragement of the present operator, Southbridge Skypark, Inc. During the year a new lease was negotiated which eliminated the feature committing future town meetings to maintaining the runways, etc. It was felt in view of the action at the town meeting that such future commitment was unwise and perhaps even illegal. The feeling of the members of your airport commission is that just as the duty of maintaining roads is implied in the function of town government, the duty of maintaining the runways of the airport is implied. At the time of this renegotiation the matter of rental was investigated further. Your chairman read the copies of all similar leases on file with the Massachusetts Aeronautical Commission. None of them are as favorable as the lease between the town of Southbridge and Southbridge Skypark, Inc. as regards income to the town from the operator. In some cases towns the size of Southbridge have built buildings in addition to the airport and have leased them to operators for much less than our rental. The fact that Southbridge receives a minimum rental that increases each year and in addition taxes on buildings erected by Southbridge Skypark, Inc. in an assessed valuation in excess of \$8,000 means that Southbridge is obtaining from the present type of operations an income quite in excess of any other town with a Class 1 airport in the Commonwealth.

As regards the future of Southbridge Airport there is a sink hole on the south side of the east end of the east-west runway that should be filled and grass seeded. The boulders left on the east end of this runway should be rolled by a bull-dozer down into the swamp to decrease the danger of a crack-up at this end. These two items can be taken care of for a sum less than the money received as rental and taxes this year and should be taken care of as they represent hazardous conditions, just as a bad hole in the road would.

The State Planning Board has listed Southbridge Airport as worthy of development into a Class 2 airport. It is obvious however,

that for various reasons this cannot be done for several years. Meanwhile feeder line operation must necessarily wait under the regulations of the CAA.

Southbridge Skypark, Inc. have conducted a fine operation that has been admired by all that have seen it. A sky meet that attracted 5,000 persons was held by them in the summer. Southbridge received considerable publicity for this and the operators should be thanked for their efforts.

Sincerely,

PHILIP GAUTHIER

DWIGHT K. BARTLETT, JR.

ALBERT J. DiGREGORIO

EDMUND A. RYAN

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Southbridge, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit for your consideration our yearly report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Complaints made in the first district court, total 656. Male 624, female 32.

MISCELLANEOUS

Motor vehicle accidents with personal injuries	56
Motor vehicle accidents with property damage	67
Motor vehicle licenses suspended or revoked	104
Parking violations with summons served	296
Persons reported missing and located	11
Doors or windows found open or unlocked	288
Radio messages sent out	706
Motor vehicles reported stolen and recovered	16
Lodging given to travelers	97
Property in charge of police department:	
Building and land estimated	\$60,000.00
Equipment estimated	6,000.00

In behalf of our officers and myself I wish to thank your Honorable Board and all Town officials for their consideration during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
ULRIC BRAULT
Chief of Police

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

In accordance with the law and custom I submit the following report of the year ending December 31, 1947. Giving names of members of the fire department. Values of properties under my supervision. Number of fires we responded to. Value of properties where loss occurred. Dates and locations of fires.

Also recommendations I deem necessary for the ensuing year.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$881.64.

I recommend an appropriation of \$100,683.97 for 1948.

We responded to 14 bell alarms and 413 still. Total alarms 427.

302 Hydrants at \$55.00 each per year, \$16,610.00.

The detailed report and budget follows:

Value of buildings	\$449,000.00
Loss on buildings	42,050.32
Insurance on buildings	271,500.00
Insurance paid on buildings	41,535.32
Value of contents	90,800.00
Loss on contents	54,900.00
Insurance on Contents	27,448.66
Insurance paid on contents	24,643.66
Inventory of the Fire Department	
Two fire stations	\$75,000.00
Fire apparatus	\$38,000.00
Fire department supplies	9,500.00
Gamewell fire alarm system	7,000.00

January

- 18 Still alarm at 8.00 p. m. Duchesneau Cafe at 26 Central St. Owned by Martin Krasowski. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.

February

- 16 Still alarm at 4.50 p. m. Tenement at 82 High St. Owned by Charles Bruso. Caused by defective light fixtures. Insured.
- 23 Still alarm at 1.47 p. m. Tenement at 72 North St. Owned by Nazzarino Rizio. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- 25 Still alarm at 9.25 p. m. Tenement at 403 Main St. Owned by Vincent Lorenzo. Caused by flooded oil burner. Insured.

March

- 19 Still alarm at 4.53 a. m. Tenement at 463 Main St. Owned by Alphege Cournoyer. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- 21 Still alarm at 1.10 a. m. Platform near oil tanks. Owned

by Edmond Livernois. Caused by careless smoking.

April

- 4 Still alarm at 4.20 p. m. Tenement at 69 Proulx Ave. Owned by H. E. Powell. Caused by woman stepping on match. Insured.
- 4 Box 25 at 7.28 p. m. Walker Coal Co. at off River St. Owned by Eugene Walker. Cause unknown. Insured.
- 4 Still alarm at 8.20 p. m. Hotel at 28 Pleasant St. Owned by Larry Thibeault. Caused by defective light fixtures. Insured.
- 5 Still alarm at 9.53 a. m. Tenement at 138 Mechanic St. Owned by B. F. Hamblin. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.
- 11 Still alarm at 8.29 a. m. Tenement at 274 Charlton St. Owned by Tremblay Estate. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.
- 13 Still alarm at 4.45 p. m. Tenement at 77 South St. Owned by Frank S. Chipman. Caused by sparks from chimney. Insured.
- 28 Still alarm at 9.37 a. m. Tenement at 114 High St. Owned by Loretta Nichols. Caused by flooded oil burner. Insured.

May

- 12 Still alarm at 5.00 p. m. Martel Cleaners at 142 Hamilton St. Owned by Zenon Martel. Caused by sparks from motor. Insured.
- 12 Still alarm at 10.35 p. m. Tenement at 65 Morris St. Owned by Phillias Benoit. Caused by an automobile fire. Insured.
- 27 Still alarm at 10.22 a. m. Tenement at East Main St. Owned by Spiro Michaele. Caused by spark from incinerator. Insured.
- 31 Still alarm at 8.53 p. m. Tenement at Pleasant St. Owned by Jessica Williams. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

June

- 10 Box 414 at 6.12 p. m. Tenement at off Eastford Rd. Owned by John M. Wells. Caused by short circuit. Insured.

July

- 17 Still alarm at 6.10 p. m. Tenement at 8 Crescent St. Owned by Oswald Meunier. Caused by short circuit. Insured.
- 20 Still alarm at 1.45 p. m. Shed and garage at 94 Cross St. Owned by Aristide Asselin. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- 28 Still alarm at 1.55 p. m. Tenement at 79 Fairlawn Ave. Owned by Joseph Belanger. Caused by lightning. Insured.

August

- 7 Still alarm at 11.20 p. m. Tenement at 32 Lovely St. Owned by Ovide Trahan. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- 26 Still alarm at 1.33 p. m. Tenement at 374 Morris St. Owned by Arthur Peck. Caused by lightning. Insured.
- October
- 1 Still alarm at 8.15 p. m. Libuda's Service Station at 9 Main St. Owned by Standard Oil Co. Caused by matches thrown in waste basket. Insured.
- 3 Box 23 at 4.03 p. m. Tenement at 47 Litchfield Ave. Owned by James Halley Cause unknown. Insured.
- 15 Box 52 at 3.10 p. m. Tenement at 184 Morris St. Owned by Rosanna Gendron. Explosion caused by oil stove. Insured.
- 16 Still alarm at 11.40 a. m. Tenement at 4 Windsor Ct. Owned by John Confalone. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- 20 Still alarm at 9.30 a. m. Rear of J. J. Delehanty furniture store at 858 Main St. Caused by children playing with matches. Insured.
- 20 Box 57 at 4.46 p. m. F. X. Laliberte & Son storehouse on Beeches St. Caused probably by children playing with matches. Insured.
- 31 Still alarm at 10.16 p. m. Tenement at 346 Charlton St. Owned by George Metras. Caused by candles in window. Insured.
- November
- 8 Still alarm at 6.05 a. m. Tenement at 36 Park St. Owned by Mrs. Norman Price. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.

ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

OSWALD MEUNIER

Deputy Chief

DANIEL DANIELS

PERMANENT FIREMEN

Emile Caouette, Capt. Crew 2

Ernest Collette

Ovila Donais

Arthur Marand

Edward Boucher

Biago Puccelli

Victor Caouette

Archie Langevin, Lt. Crew 2

Harry Gendron

Henry Desourdy

Alva Gregoire

Rodolphe Arpin

Adrien Pouliet

CALL MEN HOSE NO. 1

Hormidas Belanger, Capt.

Clarence Blais

Napoleon Fontaine, Lt.

Edward McNally

Hermas Lippe
 Leopold Langlois
 Elzear Dupuis
 Stewart Casavant

Lionel Peloquin
 James Dunn
 Thomas Mannis
 Gerard Fontaine

CALL MEN AERIAL NO. 1

Ovide Desrosier, Capt.

Eugene Blais, Lt.
 Napoleon Blais
 Romeo Lippe
 Normand Larochelle
 Armand Durocher

Louis Ciprari
 Raymond Dartt
 Arthur Caplette
 Bernard Sherry
 Ronald Sherriff

CALL MEN HOSE NO. 2

Adelard Lepage, Capt.
 Alexander Daigle
 Aime Ravenelle
 Armand Gibeault
 Roy Proulx

Eugene Gaumond, Lt.
 Archie Matte
 George Plouffe
 Walter E. Kingsbury
 Joseph Guignard

James C. Sandgren, Supt. of Fire Alarm

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Permits

Transporting Gasoline	1
High Explosives	10
Range Oil Burners	231
Power Burners	139
Open Air Permits	264
Removal of Gasoline Tanks	1
Decorations	14

Inspections

Stores	127
Hotels and Boarding Houses	39
Tenement Houses	1700
Range Oil Burners	231
Power Oil Burners	139
Clubs and Cafes	57

In closing my report for the year, I wish to thank the citizens for their co-operation, and the members of the department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion, Chief Oswald Meunier on behalf of the members of the fire department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the other Town Officials for their courtesy and consideration of the department.

OSWALD MEUNIER

Chief of the Fire Department

For the fire department
Archie Langevin (Clerk)

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Forest Fire Department answered 28 alarms for forest fires in 1947.

Last year's appropriation was \$950.00.

The balance from last years appropriation was \$358.43.

I recommend an appropriation of \$1740.00 for 1948.

Fire Wardens salary \$200.00.

There were 264 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their co-operation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

INVENTORY OF THE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

One forest fire pump with 4,400 ft. of 1½ inch hose	\$2,400.00
1,500 ft. of 1 inch hose	589.00
3—1½ inch shut-off nozzles	75.00
2—1 inch shut-off nozzles	40.00
8—Open end nozzles	54.00
One and one-half ton Ford truck	1200.00
One-ton Ford truck	150.00
Seventeen 2½ gallon extinguishers	119.00
Thirteen Indian fire pumps	170.00
Two 2½ gallon hand pumps	30.00
Three ten quart pails	2.50
Twenty brooms	20.00
Two shovels	2.00

OSWALD MEUNIER
Forest Fire Warden

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Daniel Daniels	Emile Gaouette
Albert Servant	Joseph Mandeville
Romeo Lippe	Archie Langevin
Harry Michaels	Rosario Bellerose

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$500.00 made for this department.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$131.41.

I recommend an appropriation of \$500.00 for 1948 for 2 ambulances.

In 1947 the Ambulance Department collected \$1,099.15

During the past year the ambulance made the following trips.	
Out of town trips at no charge:	
Veteran's aid	1
Old age assistance	1
Public welfare	3
Abated	8
Southbridge	195
Worcester	55
Sturbridge	19
Charlton	14
Fiskdale	13
Brimfield	9
Boston	6
Grafton	6
Fall River	6
Dodge	2
Pomfret	2
Millbury	2
Springfield	2
Holland	2
Northampton	1
Quinebaug	1
Winchester	1
Framingham	1
Eastford	1
Thompson	1
Tewksbury	1
Brookfield	1
West Roxbury	1
West Woodstock	1
Pepperell	1
West Brookfield	1
Total trips for 1947	345

Inventory of the Ambulance Department

1 Cadillac Ambulance	\$5,750.00
1 Ford Ambulance	500.00
2 Spare Tires	55.00
2 Folding Stretchers	60.00
1 Orthopedic Stretcher	60.00
2 First Aid Kits	12.00
12 Blankets	60.00
1 Flame-proof Blanket	45.00
12 Sheets	12.00
12 Pillow cases	9.00
3 Pillows	7.50

OSWALD MEUNIER
Chief of Fire Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 1948

3 Captains at \$175.00 each per year	\$ 525.00
3 Lieutenants at \$160.00 each per year	480.00
27 Regulars at \$150.00 each per year	4,050.00
1 Electrician per year	350.00
1 Clerk per year	125.00
	<hr/> \$5,530.00

PERMANENT MEN

1 Chief at \$72.53 per week	\$3,772.00
1 Assistant chief at \$66.08 per week	\$3,455.58
1 Captain at \$64.96 per week	\$3,396.66
1 Lieutenant at \$61.53 per week	\$3,219.88
11 Regulars at \$60.41 per week	\$34,783.70
	<hr/> \$48,627.82

Gas and oil	350.00
Upkeep of apparatus	500.00
Upkeep of fire alarm	400.00
Equipment of men	400.00
Fuel	900.00
Lights, Lamps and Power	350.00
House repairs	325.00
House furnishings	200.00
Telephones	175.00
Water Supply	150.00
Laundry	150.00
Stationery	150.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Upkeep of radio	250.00
Men's training	200.00
Fire prevention	300.00
	<hr/> \$5,000.00

Ambulance	500.00
Forest Fire Warden	200.00
Forest Fire Department	\$1,740.00
302 Hydrants at \$55.00 each per year	\$16,610.00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION

One 750 gallon pump	\$13,500.00
Four men 9 month salary	\$8,357.25
12 Reserve gas mask tanks at \$55.00 each	660.00
Out of state travel	150.00
Four fog nozzles at \$55.00 each	220.00
Repair brick work corner of building	350.00
Shovel snow around hydrants	150.00
Addition for ladder truck	8,050.00

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Herein is the Building report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

	No. Permits	Add. Families	Est. Cost.
Single family units	48	48	\$313,500
2-Apartment units	65	10	40,500
Commercial Buildings	6	0	46,150
Additions and Alterations	37	12	66,650
Private Garages	10	0	4,800
Miscellaneous	6	0	300
TOTAL	112	70	\$476,900

Respectfully submitted,
ARMAND DeANGELIS
Building Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Carroll Dean of the Gas and Electric and his staff for their fine cooperation. It has lightened my position very much.

There has been a great increase in wiring of all kinds, during the past year, and there is a promise of a larger quantity for this fiscal year.

There is one new Master Electrician and one new Journeyman who were licensed in 1947.

WIRING DEPARTMENT

Permits issued for new buildings	70
Permits issued for additions to already erected building	37
Permits issued for addition to old work	800
Inspection while work is in progress	950
Recommendations to change wiring	50
Temporary permits (Christmas and others)	25
Permits issued for wiring oil burners	60
Permits issued for wiring Ranges	35

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR J. ENO
Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Southbridge, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report of work accomplished during the year 1947.

Sidewalks Completed	Length	Built By
Elm Street	1000.76 L. F.	Highway Dept.
North Street	46 L. F.	Highway Dept.
Union Street	208.5 L. F.	Highway Dept.
Warren Street	711.7 L. F.	Highway Dept.
Green Avenue	527.0 L. F.	Highway Dept.
Sewers Completed	Length	Built By
Worcester Street	4276 L. F.	Ciesla Brothers
Proulx Avenue	1104.3 L. F.	Duff Brothers
Hillside Road	753 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
Sewers Completed (Private Property)	Length	Built By
Maple Terrace	401 L. F.	Chartier Brothers
Gibraltar Avenue	1289 L. F.	Ciesla Brothers
Beecher Street	75 L. F.	Joseph Benoit
Drains Completed	Length	Built By
Clarke Street	935 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
Lens Street	258 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
Meadowbrook Road (Incomplete)	339 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
South Street Brook (near Bouvier Property to High Street)	1438 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
West Street School Drain	51 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
Streets Regraded and Resurfaced	Length	Built By
Main Street (Oak Ridge Cemetery to East Main Street)	1021 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
Main Street (Globe)	490 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
South Street (Main to Highland)	2500 L. F.	Frank Shields Inc.
Darling Road (Surfacing Incomplete)	6500 L. F.	Highway Dept.
Veterans Housing Project	1570 L. F.	Highway Dept.
Swimming Pool		Built By Albert Arsenault
Bath House		Built By Southbridge Roofing Co.
Town Hall		F. X. Laliberte & Sons
Fire Escape		Built By F. X. Laliberte & Sons
Town Infirmary		Built By Cyclone Fence
General Repairs		Atlas Landscape Const. Co.
Athletic Field		Atlas Landscape Const. Co.
Fence		Atlas Landscape Const. Co.
Grading, Seed & Seeding		
Tennis Courts		
Dugouts		

Track	Atlas Landscape Const. Co.
Grandstand (Piers)	Hussey Manufacturing Co.
Central Street Bridge	Built By
Wall Repair	Trahan Bros.
Fence Repair	Trahan Bros.
Street Bounds Set	
High Street (3)	Warren Street (1)
Elm Street (5) Reset	
Street Sidelines Given	
Water Suply Co. (10)	Telephone Co. (12)
Worcester County Electric Co. (9)	
House Numbers Given	
Morris Street (2)	Worcester Street (1)
Charlton Street (10)	Wall Street (2)
Elm Street (4)	Hillcrest Avenue (1)

New Plans and Estimates for 1948

South St. (Reconstruction)	Elm St. (Resurfacing and Recon.)
Central St. (Resurfacing)	Hartwell St. (Resurfacing)
Charlton St. School (Surfacing-Drain)	Oliver St. (Sidewalk)
Eastford Rd. School (Surfacing-Grading)	Durfee St. (Sewer)
Cole Trade School (Surfacing Driveway)	Lebanon Hill (Sewer)
West St. (Sewer)	Ashland Ave. (Sidewalk)
Forest Ave. (Sewer)	East Main St. (Sidewalk)
Violet Ave. (Sewer)	Marcy St. (Resurfacing)
Dresser St. (Reconstruction)	

Establishing Lines, Grades, Plans and Description of the Following Streets

Violet Avenue	Adeline Street
Belmont Street	Kingsley Street
Hudson Avenue	Woodycrest Avenue
Cole Avenue	Roger Street
Marsh Street	Goddard Court

INVESTIGATIONS

Sewers	Drainage
Sewer Disposal Plant (Funds for)	Swimming Pool
Hillside Road (Release)	Fire Station
	West Street
	Cross Street

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATIONS

Eastford Road (Chapter 90)
 Brickyard Road Bridge (Chapter 90)
 Mechanic Street (Chapter 90)
 Elm Street (Court Hearing—Duff Bros. vs. Town of Southbridge)
 Federal Housing (Hydrant Location)
 Cisco Street (Relocation)
 Foster Street (Town Parking Lot)
 Assessors Dept. (Calculations for)
 Town Dump (Lease)

Town Property (Checking Deeds for Town Hall and All Schools)
Permits to Open Streets (109)

PRELIMINARY SURVEYS

Durfee St. (Relocation)

Brick Row

River Street School (Property Lines)

Maple Terrace

Ballard Court (For Acceptance)

West St. (Relocation)

I wish to thank the Selectmen and members of all Town Departments for the continued cooperation given me and the Engineering Department during the year 1947.

Respectfully submitted

HENRY A. RACICOT
Town Engineer

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Swimming Pool Committee wishes to report the following on its activities for 1947:

The pool was opened to the public on July 9 and closed September 1, 1947.

The daily attendance for the month of July was: Boys 5180, Girls 2156, Adults 779, Total 8315.

The daily attendance for the month of August was: Boys 4835, Girls 2639, Adults 1482, Total 8956.

A sum total of 17,271 persons for the season.

One-hundred and ten children signed up for swimming instructions.

A Water Day was held Aug. 31 and the following events held that day were: 200 yds. Free Style, Undewater for distance, Diving contest, 100 yds. Free Style, 50 yds. Backstroke, 200 yds. Relay, 50 yds. Backstroke, Kiddies race 15 yds.

Fifty-five Beginner Swimmer's awards were given. Five Junior Red Cross Saving awards were given. Three Advanced Swimmer's awards were given.

Money for the prizes given was furnished by the Exchange, Civitan, Lions and Rotary Clubs.

The following equipment was furnished for general improvement of the pool: Diving board platform was lowered to ten feet as required by law. First Aid Kits, Flutter Boards, Throwing Rings and Blunt Hook Pole were furnished.

The water of the pool was chlorinated in accordance with requirements set by the State Department of Public Health.

The Life Guards in attendance for the season were Lionel Clements, Supervisor; Thecla Fitzgerald, Edward Desroche, Raoul Lataille, and William Nickerson.

The Bath House was constructed by contract and is now ready for use. Considerable grading has been done around this bath house and on portion of land which was given to the Town of Southbridge by Marcy Bartholomew. The meter pit was constructed as voted.

The retaining wall along the dam, from which many swimmers dive, has been faced so as to do away with the erosive action of the water against the dam. It will also save many bathers from getting cut from the rough edges and protruding stones.

All provisions required by the Department of Public Health of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to pollution have been referred to the local Department of Public Health, which assures us that all possible is being done to remove all sources of pollution.

The committee, at a joint meeting with the Recreation Com-

mittee, voted to recommend the passage of an article creating a central agency for the handling of the maintenance and operation of the Swimming Pool and Athletic Field. The complete recommendation will be found in the annual report of the Recreation Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY A. RACICOT, Chairman
LEOPOLD LEMMELIN
ARMAND DeANGELIS
DR. RAYMOND HALING

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

Last year I sprayed the town elm trees for elm leaf beetles. The work was done with very good results. This spraying should be done every year to control the beetles.

I did some trimming, bracing, cabling and cavity work on trees that were in bad condition.

If any citizen should notice any unusually dangerous condition of a tree, he ought to notify the tree warden promptly. Any co-operation will be appreciated.

I shall always be ready to serve you.

Respectfully yours,
WILBUR WILSON,
Tree Warden

GYPSY MOTH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

Last year, we found and exterminated 8,286 gypsy moth egg clusters. This includes the spring and fall extermination. Inspection was restricted only to trees under town's jurisdiction, because of the limited amount of funds.

I find the moth situation somewhat better since we have been spraying the trees.

Respectfully yours,
WILBUR WILSON,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge ,Massachusetts:

I wish to submit the following report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Taxes:

Levy of 1945

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947			\$684.00
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Payments to Treasurer			\$684.00
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Taxes:

Levy of 1946

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947			\$24,060.04
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Payments to Treasurer	\$24,026.95		
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Abatements	4.19		
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Tax Title	28.90		\$24,060.04
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Taxes: Levy of 1947			\$762,045.11
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Payments to Treasurer	\$723,594.40		
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Abatements	8,424.99		
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Tax Title	229.22		
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1947	30,286.19		
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Refunds	\$762,534.80	\$489.69	\$762,045.11
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Excise Taxes

Levy of 1946

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947			\$255.06
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Commitments of January			633.75
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			\$888.81
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Payments to Treasurer	\$853.80		
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Abated	49.29		
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Refunds	\$903.09	\$14.28	\$888.81
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Excise Taxes

Levy of 1947

			\$31,625.98
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Payments to Treasurer	\$29,691.51		
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Abated	1,072.10		
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1947	1,173.64		
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	\$31,937.25		
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Refunds		\$311.27	\$31,625.98
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Sewer Assessments

Levy of 1946

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1947			\$53.67
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Payments to Treasurer	\$21.82		
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Added to Tax Title	\$31.85		\$53.67
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Sidewalk Assessments

Levy of 1947

			\$192.34
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1947			\$192.34
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Sidewalk Assessments Interest

Levy of 1947

			\$11.54
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1947			\$11.54
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Sewer Assessments		
Levy of 1947		\$65.46
Payments to Treasurer		\$65.46
Sewer Assesment Interest		\$8.18
Levy of 1947		
Payments to Treasurer		\$8.18
Special Sidewalk Assessments		
Levy of 1947		\$1,695.78
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,330.77	
To be added to taxes	365.01	\$1,695.78
Special Sewer Assessments		
Levy of 1947		\$6,403.94
Payments to Treasurer	\$3,491.53	
Abated	1,569.84	
To be added to taxes	1,342.57	\$6,403.94
Interest and cost on Taxes and Assessments		
Levy of 1945		\$ 31.41
Levy of 1946		563.74
Levy of 1947		71.75
Costs of sale		10.00
Added Interest on Sewers		15.63
Demands		104.30
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		\$796.83
Grand total collected in 1947		\$784,886.37

I wish to thank the Townspeople and various Town Officials for their co-operation.

MEDERIC DUHAMEL
Tax Collector

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For Year Ending December 31, 1947

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1947	\$ 347,264.01
Receipts for 1947	1,614,366.10
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	1,961,630.11
1947 Disbursements	\$1,736,222.45
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Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1947	\$ 225,407.66

FUNDED DEBT

Due 1948	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amt. of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 1947
\$ 6,000.00	Eastford Rd. & West St. Schools	1936	152,490.00	54,000.00
4,000.00	Northern Dist Elem. School	1938	80,000.00	44,000.00
15,000	Airport Loan	1944	75,000.00	30,000.00
8,000.00	Hamilton St. & Main St. Paving Loan	1946	41,600.00	32,000.00
6,000.00	South St. Paving Loan	1947	30,000.00	30,000.00
7,000.00	Worcester St. Sewer Loan	1947	35,000.00	35,000.00
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\$46,000.00				
		Total		\$225,000.00

POST WAR FUND

21¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds dated Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 75,000.00
21¼% U. S. Treasury Bonds date June 1, 1945	75,000.00
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	150,000.00
Interest received through December 31, 1947	10,514.33
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Total Fund	\$160,514.33

CEMETERY FUND

Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1947	Int. 1947
Cambridge Savings Bank	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 57.50
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Dedham Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	60.00
Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,475.00	37.12
Millbury Savings Bank	1,453.52	29.06
Newburyport 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	60.00

New Bedford 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	60.00
Natick 5-Cent Savings	2,500.00	50.00
Southbridge Savings Bank	6,434.25	108.68
Salem 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	50.00
Wincheson Savings	3,000.00	82.50
Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	50.00
Webster 5-Cent Savings	1,714.68	34.28
Worcester 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	40.00
Worcester Co-op Fed. Savings	4,000.00	100.00
Workingmen's Co-op	4,000.00	97.50
Merchant's Co-op	4,000.00	80.00
Mattapam Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-op	4,000.00	120.00
Congress Co-op	4,000.00	100.00
Southbridge Co-op	2,000.00	60.00
Merrimack Co-op	2,000.00	50.00
Suffolk Co-op	4,000.00	80.00
Minot Co-op	2,000.00	50.00
Lincoln Co-op	2,000.00	60.00

	\$75,577.45	\$1,696.64
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Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1947	\$74,577.45
Added to Fund, 1947	1,000.00

Cemetery Fund—December 31, 1947	75,577.45
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TRUST FUNDS

Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1947	Int. 1947	Balance Dec. 31, 1947
Mary Mynott Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$20.00	\$1,000.00
Boyer Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	401.16	8.06	409.22
Jesse J. Angell Fund			
Southbridge Savings Bank	1,335.01	26.83	1,361.84
Ella M. Cole Fund			
Attleboro Savings Bank	1,000.00	15.00	1,000.00
Cambridge Savings Bank	1,000.00	22.50	1,000.00
Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	1,000.00	20.00	1,000.00
Hannah Edwards Fund			
First National Bank of Boston, Trustee	5,000.00	85.00	5,000.00

Respectfully submitted
NORBERT C. BENOIT
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1947. All appropriations voted since 1946. Tax rate fixed.

Total appropriations as certified by Town

Clerk to be raised by taxation \$965,654.15

Total appropriations voted to be taken

from available funds. In 1946 since

1946 tax rate was fixed.

110,647.53 \$1,076,301.68

Deficits due to abatements in Excess of
overlay of prior years. Chapter 406,

Acts of 1943. 1944, \$6.00; 1945, \$2.00

Total Deficits

8.00

Any other amount required to be raised.

Voted in 1946 to be taken from the 1947 levy

18,577.48

STATE: Tax and Assessments 1947

1947

1946

Estimates

Underestimates

State Tax

\$12,250.00

State Parks & Reservations

1,006.97

\$377.62

State Audit of Municipal Accounts

627.16

State Examination of

Retirement System

40.51

\$13,924.64

\$377.62

14,302.26

COUNTY: Tax and Assessments

County Tax

33,891.02

628.28

Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment

20,207.13

\$54,098.15

\$628.28

54,726.43

OVERLAY of Current year

15,313.91

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

\$1,179,224.76

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Estimated receipts for the year 1947

\$306,546.83

AMOUNTS VOTED TO BE TAKEN FROM

AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Amounts and dates of Approval by Commissioner
of Corporations and Taxation

\$ 19,276.00—July 2, 1946

8,592.62—Sept. 11, 1946

26,809.18—Nov. 14, 1946

1,214.58—Jan. 2, 1947

44,755.15—April 3, 1947

10,000.00—May 2, 1947

\$110,647.53

110,647.53

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$417,294.36
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON POLLS AND PROPERTY	\$761,935.40
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Number of Polls 6,749 at \$2.00 each	Tax \$ 13,498.00
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Total Valuation: (Tax Rate \$51.40)	
Personal Property—\$2,405,575.00	123,646.55
Real Estate—\$12,155,410.00	624,788.07
Gain on Account of fractional divisions of Tax Rate	2.78

TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON POLLS AND PROPERTY	\$761,935.40
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ITEMS NOT ENTERING INTO THE DETERMINATION OF THE TAX RATE

Betterment and Special Assessments	
Sidewalk Assessments in 1947	\$1,695.78
Sewer Assessments in 1947	6,403.94
Betterment and Special Assessments added to Taxes	203.88
Sewer Assessment in 1947 and Interest	73.64

TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMMITMENTS	8,377.24
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES ON POLLS AND PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS COMMITTED TO THE COLLECTOR TO DATE OF TAX RATE	\$770,312.64
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ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

May 26, 1947—Polls 17 at \$2.00	\$34.00	
Side walks Assessment in 1947 and Interest—	203.88	
Warrant to Collector, May 26, 1947		34.00
December 15, 1947—Polls 11 at \$2.00	22.00	
Warrant to collector, December 15, 1947		22.00
December 15, 1947—Personal Property	24.67	
Warrant to Collector, December 15, 1947		24.67
December 15, 1947—Real Estate	29.04	
Warrant to Collector, December 15, 1947		29.04

TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION ON PERSONAL and REAL ESTATE	\$14,560,985.00
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TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR ON POLLS, REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL SEWER, and SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS for 1947	\$770,422.35
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VALUATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

FOR 1947	\$1,158,698.00	
Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1947	31,625.98	
Warrant to Collector for 1947		31,625.98
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION FOR 1947 INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES	15,719,683.00	

TOTAL WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR FOR 1947		802,048.33
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VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Churches, Parsonages, Schools and Hospitals	\$1,772,310.00
Town Property	1,706,765.00
U. S. Post Office Property	98,000.00
U. S. Government Housing Project	144,250.00
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	\$3,721,325.00

Total Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed 4654

JOSEPH T. GERVAIS
JOSEPH LaFLECHE
CHARLES NORMANDIN
Board of Assessors

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its annual report.

The number of General Relief recipients did not vary much over the previous year, but due to the upward trend in the "cost of living" the expenditures have increased over the previous year.

The average monthly case load for the year 1947 was fifty-six cases, representing one hundred and eighteen persons. The General Relief expenditures were \$27,483.75, reimbursements were \$7,717.54 net cost to town \$19,766.21.

The Child Welfare Service is still under the supervision of Mrs. Edith R. Cushing, serving the Towns of Charlton, Sturbridge and Southbridge.

The Infirmary under the able supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Dowling, cared for nineteen inmates, seventeen of which were males, and two females. The Board, Mr. and Mrs. Dowling wish to take this opportunity to thank the various organizations and individuals who so kindly devoted some of their time entertaining or by providing "extras" to the inmates, thus making it possible for them to look upon the Infirmary as a home rather than as an institution.

The Aid to Dependent Children Program, under Chapter 415, Acts of 1946, it is mandatory to allow the budgetary standard recommended by the State Department of Public Welfare. As of December 31, 1947, nineteen cases were active, representing forty-four children. Seven cases were added during the year and seven cases were closed. No application rejected, and one applicant withdrew her application.

The amount expended in 1947 for the Aid to Dependent Children Program was \$21,641.81, reimbursements were \$14,108.05, net cost to town \$7,533.76.

The following table shows the number of persons aided, expenditures, reimbursements, and net cost to the town in all categories supervised by the Board of Public Welfare.

	General Relief	Aid to Dep. Children	Old Age Assistance
No. Persons	120	63	234
Total Expenses	\$27,483.75	\$21,641.81	\$128,109.01
Reimbursements	7,717.54	14,108.05	102,940.03
Net Cost to Town	19,766.21	7,533.76	25,168.98

Respectfully submitted
HERMAS LIPPE, Chairman
MARIE E. LARIVIERE, Clerk
OVIDE DESROSIERS, 3rd Member
H.H. Michon, Agent
Bureau of Old Age Assistance

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Bureau of Old Age Assistance herewith submits its annual report.

On January 1, 1947, two hundred and eleven aged citizens were receiving Old Age Assistance, as of December 31, 1947, two hundred and thirty-four were aided. Sixty-two cases were added during the year, thirty-nine cases were closed, three cases rejected, and two applicants withdrew their applications.

Total expenditures were \$128,109.01, reimbursements were \$102,940.03, net cost to town \$25,168.98 or \$9.24 per month for each recipient aided.

According to Chapter 118A, of the General Laws, which provides adequate assistance to Old Age Assistance recipients, the State Department of Public Welfare revised in 1947 the Standards of Assistance in conformity with the high cost of living. As allowances granted are mandatory by law, all cases were revised to meet these new standards.

Respectfully submitted

HERMAS LIPPE, Chairman
MARIE E. LARIVIERE, Clerk
OVIDE DESROSIERS, 3rd Member
H. H. MICHON, Agent
Bureau of Old Age Assistance

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Problems concerning the welfare of 126 children in 48 families in the Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton area were referred to the Department during 1947. A carry-over from 1946 of active problems concerning 191 children in 63 families made a total of 317 children in 111 families handled by the Department during the year. Complete services were rendered 188 children in 69 families and the cases discharged, leaving a balance December 31, 1947 of 129 children in 42 families.

Counseling and supervisory service rendered was of many and varied types, including 27 boarding camp placements as well as assistance to District and Probate Courts, School Departments and other agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAS LIPPE, Chairman
Child Welfare Services
EDITH R. CUSHING,
Child Welfare Worker

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1947:

VITAL STATISTICS

Total number of births registered	625
Total number of deaths registered	194
Total number of marriages recorded	299
Marriage intentions recorded	272

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES RECORDED

Auctioneers	5
Bowling and Poll	6
Garages	116
Gasoline	34
Junk	9
Peddlers	16
Amount paid to Town Treasurer	\$313.00

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Number of licenses:

Males	642
Females	85
Spayed Females	199
Kennel	3
Total licenses issued	929
Amount paid to Town Treasurer	\$1,981.20

SPORTING LICENSES RECORDED

Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	1,009
Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	367
Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses	556
Resident Citizens Women's & Minors' Fish. Lics.	354
Resident Citizens' Trapping License	1
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	17
Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses	19
Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses	5
Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses	5
Duplicates	18

Number of licenses issued	2,352
Amount paid to Division of Fisheries and Game	\$4,647.25

The following licenses were issued FREE.

Resident Citizens' Sporting & Trapping Licenses	65
Resident Citizens' Old Age Assist. Fish. Licenses	15
Resident Military or Naval Ser. Sport. Licenses	11
Total number of licenses issued	2,443

LIST OF JURORS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN, 1947

Cloutier, Armand of 400 Main St.
 Pratt, Willis of 700 Woodstock Rd.
 Pezzetti, John of 7 Glover St.

Kurposka, Mitchell of 65 Crystal St.
 St. Martin, Arsene of 23 Chapin St.
 Ziu, Thomas of 46 Morris St.
 Talbot, Ernest of 34 Hamilton St.
 Beaupre, Alonzo of 3½ Twinehurst Place
 Renaud, Israel of 173 Cliff St.
 Parent, Joseph C. of 348 Hamilton St.
 Fontaine, Hermingilde of 86 Chestnut St.
 Girard, Wilfred of 222 Mechanic St.
 Renaud, George of 149 Mill St.
 Gaumond, Harvey W. of 141 Everett St.
 Boulanger, Alfred of 149 Charlton St.
 Allard, Ernest G. of 83 Elm St.
 Lemire, Napoleon of 30 Taft St.
 O'Shaughnessy, John H., Sr. of 164 Hamilton St.
 Blanchette, Omer of 40 Cross St.
 Paul, Wilfred of 45 Union St.
 Monaco, James of 115 North St.
 Holton, Frank B. of Lebanon Rd.
 McDonald, Laurent of 20 Wardwell Ct.
 Pasaj, Alphonse of 36 Plimpton St.
 Chamberlain, Leopold of 43 Lebanon St.
 Fontaine, Alpha of Amidown Dist.
 Loranger, Edward of 127 Pleasant St.
 Fleed, Henry of 300 Hamilton St.
 Varin, Raymond of 110 Mechanic St.
 St. Martin, George of 28 Coombs St.

MEETINGS HELD DURING 1947

1—Annual Election of Town Officers	March 3rd
2—Recount for Selectmen	March 12th
3—Special Town Meeting	July 1st
4—Special Town Meeting	September 22nd
5—Special Town Meeting	December 22nd

Respectfully submitted

CLARE P. BOYER, Town Clerk

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The Board of Health met on March 6th, and organized as follows: Raymond F. Haling, M. D., Chairman; Ernest Tetreault, Clerk; Robert W. DeJordy, D. S. C., Publicity Director. Twelve regular and four special meetings were held during the year.

From a preliminary survey of food and drink establishments, made by the district sanitary officer, assisted by our own inspector, we found that the percent of average sanitary efficiency was less than 45%, with only four of these business places meeting all requirements. In order to raise the standard and eliminate as much as possible the health hazards concerned with poorly handled food, the Board of Health decided, with the cooperation of the State Department of Health, to have a course of six lectures for the training of food handlers. Over three hundred and fifty attendance cards were distributed to owners and personnel of food establishments. Personal contact between our inspector and owners was also resorted to in an endeavor to stimulate an interest in the objectives of the proposed course. Considering the attendance was less than five per cent, the Board feels that this very aptly emphasizes the fact that the complacent and haphazard way of the past must be replaced by more exact standards in food handling. In order to maintain a program of this kind, it will necessitate periodic inspections and tests.

Although the Board of Health has always had charge of the garbage disposal, we find in many communities that this function has been transferred to other departments, since the collection itself is not directly concerned with health. It is the opinion of the Board that some of the funds allotted this project could be used to better advantage in promoting health education and services, such as increasing the personnel of the department so that more time may be devoted to field work.

Numerous complaints come to this office during the year; many do not pertain to health, but are nuisances causing ill feeling between neighbors. The complaints concerning domestic animals and poultry are continuously increasing. The conflict in most instances arises from the allotment of locations in restricted areas. Insofar as the Zoning by-laws are not too clear on this matter, it is impossible for the Board of Health to definitely settle these disputes or grant permits without a certificate of occupancy.

The local ruling for the pasteurization of milk sold in this community became effective April 1st. This measure is most important in the prevention of milk-borne diseases. Our routine testing and analyzing of milk is for the purpose of assisting milk dealers and producers to maintain proper standards.

This year it was necessary for the Board of Health to enforce recommendations made by the State authorities concerning polluted areas in the vicinity of the swimming pool. Inasmuch as the elimination of the source of pollution comes under our jurisdiction, a certain fund was transferred to this department to care for same.

In conclusion, the members of the Board of Health wish to state that every effort was made to fulfill their obligation to the community in promoting health and sanitation. We thank all who have co-operated with our appointed officers.

Respectfully submitted

RAYMOND F. HALING, M. D.

ROBERT DeJORDY, D. S. C.

ERNEST TETREAULT

To the Board of Health

Southbridge, Massachusetts

The following is the report of examinations in the Parochial Schools for the year ending December 31, 1947.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Total children examined	179
Defects requiring notices	71
Carious Teeth	55
Enlarged Tonsils	45
Tonsils removed (corrected defect)	11
Ears (Cerumen)	5
Eyes corrected with glasses	10
Infected Eye-lid	1
Cervical Glands	2
Skin (Acne)	4
Heart	1

STE. JEANNE d'ARC SCHOOL

Total children examined	325
Defects requiring notices	93
Carious Teeth	78
Enlarged Tonsils	67
Tonsils removed (Defect corrected)	24
Ears (Cerumen)	15
Eyes	2
Eyes corrected with glasses	15
Skin (Acne)	4
Impetigo	1
Cervical glands	6
Heart condition	3

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

Total children examined	555
Defects requiring notices	159

Carious Teeth	137
Enlarged Tonsils	91
Tonsils removed (Defect corrected)	24
Ears (Cerumen)	6
Eye squint	2
Eyes corrected with glasses	11
Skin (Acne)	11
Impetigo	2
Cervical glands	10
Heart	2

Respectfully submitted,
 RAYMOND F. HALING, M. D.
 Parochial School Physician

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PODIATRIST

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I submit my report as Board of Health Podiatrist for the year ending December 31, 1947.

A total of 1102 children were examined in the three Parochial Schools and 165 of these children were found to have defective feet. The parents of these children were sent a notice calling their attention to these defects.

It is gratifying to note a decrease in the number of ailing feet this year for the first time since this program was inaugurated. This shows an awareness on the part of the parents, to the importance of good foot health and the necessity for correcting defects at an early age.

Following is a tabulation of defects found during the examinations:

Anidrosis	2
Bromidrosis	1
Crebro-Spastic palsy	1
Allergic Dermatitis	1
Acute Dermatitis	4
Chronic Dermatitis	2
Follicular Dermatitis	1
Depressed Anterior Arch	9
Flatfoot acquired	21
Flatfoot congenital	7
Acute Epidermophytosis	2
Chronic Epidermophytosis	3
Hallux Valgus	2
Heloma Durum	17
Hyperhidrosis	13
Impetigo	1
Infected Heel	1
Knock Knees	6

Pronated Foot	14
Overlapping Toes	4
Underlapping Toes	5
Onychomadesis	1
Onychomycosis	1
Polydactylism	1
Pes Cavus	1
Pes Planus	2
Retracted Toes	15
Tylosis Plantar	6
Verrucae	4
Weakfeet	17

I wish to thank Miss Houle, the Board of Health Nurse, the Sisters of the Schools and all who have helped make this program a success. Their co-operation and good will have made working with them a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT W. DeJORDY, D. S. C.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Board of Health Nurse, for the year ending December 31, 1947.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

On the third Wednesday of every month, specialists from the Rutland State Sanatorium conduct a chest clinic in the Board of Health rooms in the Town Hall. Patients are referred by written request from the Board of Health, Doctors, Welfare departments and Supervisors of Child Guardianship. Each person is examined and X-rayed; the findings and recommendations sent to their own physician. The X-ray is the most valuable aid in pulmonary tuberculosis because it often shows disease long before it has developed far enough to be detected in any other way. Physical examination is most likely to be useful if the disease is advanced, or in non-pulmonary forms.

The ex-sanatoria patients find the clinic convenient in following their routine check-up, also for the contacts in the household.

Two hundred and thirty-eight were examined—representing thirteen towns and twenty-six physicians.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Our annual Toxoid clinic for immunization of diphtheria started March 25th, and was concluded May 27th. During this period, one hundred and sixty-two children received three doses of Toxoid, three weeks apart.

Due to the increased amount of diphtheria in the state, it was considered advisable to further protect with a booster dose of toxoid, all children immunized more than three years ago. Since so many parents requested this service for their children, it was necessary to hold these clinics in the following schools: Eastford Road, Marcy Street, West Street, Charlton Street, Notre Dame, St. Mary's and Ste. Jeanne d'Arc.

Four hundred and ninety-seven children received a booster dose of toxoid.

DENTAL CLINIC

Beginning in October and continuing through May, the dental clinic is opened on Mondays and Tuesdays from nine to eleven-thirty. The first grade pupils in the parochial and public schools with the necessary permit are admitted at the beginning of the year, in an attempt to start as many as possible with good teeth and regular dental habits. Six year molars and fissures are filled and temporary teeth extracted when necessary. The second, third and fourth grade pupils report on scheduled time, while emergencies in the selected grades are always admitted.

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The teachers, parents and pupils greatly appreciate this service, and those concerned have noticed a vast improvement in oral hygiene among school children. Although we care for a small percent of the total school population, we endeavor to teach each pupil who attends the clinic, the real value of a wholesome mouth in the maintenance of good health.

Number of children who reported to clinic	584
Number of extractions	10
Number of fillings	180
Number of cleanings	551
Number entitled to certificates	300

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

According to the recommendations of the State Department of Public Health, the Board of Health, in co-operation with the school department, held four clinics in June. The first two were for registration, in order to give the parents an opportunity to have their children's medical history recorded, and to discuss any social or behavior problem that might handicap them in their school work. The last two for their physical examination by the school and Board of Health physicians and the dentist serving in the dental clinic. One hundred and one attended the clinics.

One thousand and fifty-nine parochial school children were examined by the school physician, assisted by the nurse. All defects noted were recorded and reported to the parents.

For the last few years, the State and local Health authorities feel that these examinations are inadequate, so this year, an act to improve the standards of the physical examinations of school children has been presented by Dr. Moore, for 1948 Legislative recommendations. This bill would enable physicians to give each school child a more thorough physical examination.

A hearing test was conducted in Notre Dame School with the 4C audiometer, for all pupils beginning with the third grade. The 4C audiometer test is a detection process—it screens out those whose hearing is open to suspicion by accurately recording the amount of hearing loss.

Since the success of these tests depends a great deal on the silence of the immediate environment, it is necessary to do this work in a separate room. Groups of twenty were tested at the same time. Children who failed to record numbers below a certain level had to take a second test.

The Lions Club provides a mid-morning milk lunch for fifty-three parochial school children. The parents of these children appreciate this gesture, and I herewith wish to express their sincere thanks.

Five girls, four were contacts to tuberculosis and one underweight, spent eight weeks at the Sterling Health Camp. During that time they lived according to a carefully planned schedule, so

that they may have eleven hours of unbroken rest. The camp is maintained by the sale of Christmas seals. Funds from this source are also used to supply a nurse to assist at the consultation clinic.

Communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health were quarantined and placarded according to local requirements. Visits were made to each case and instructions given to prevent the of the disease.

At this time, I wish to thank the members of the Nurses' Aide Corps for services rendered in the clinic, also any other organization or individual who assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

As agent of the Board of Health, I herewith submit the following list of contagious diseases reported to this office during the past year.

Anterior Poliomyelitis	2	Chicken Pox	43
Dog-bite	23	German Measles	6
Malaria	1	Measles	8
Scarlet Fever	14	Paratyphoid	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	4	Other Forms Tuberculosis	2
Whooping Cough	5	Lobar Pneumonia	1

Total 111

List of deaths in Town, for which this office has issued permits for burial.

DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease	16	Coronary Sclerosis	3
Chronic Myocarditis	1	Coronary Thrombosis	22
Congestive Heart Failure	5	Hypertensive Heart Disease and Auricular Fibrillation	1
Coronary Heart Disease	1	Auricular Fibrillation	1
Coronary Occlusion	5	Rheumatic Heart Disease	1
		Myocardial Infarct	4

DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

Cerebral Apoplexy	4	Cerebral Thrombosis with Hemoplegia	1
Cerebral Embolism	1	Cerebral Vascular Thrombosis	1
Cerebral Hemorrhage	13	Hodgkins Disease	1
Cerebral Thrombosis	4		

DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Adenocarcinoma of Lungs	3	Hypostatic pneumonia	1
Atelectasis of Lungs	2	Metastatic Carcinoma of left lung	1
		Carcinoma of Lungs	1
Bronchopneumonia	4	Pulmonary Hemorrhage	1
		Lobar Pneumonia	1

DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Acute Liver Failure	1	Chronic Glomerular Nephritis	1
Adenocarcinoma of descending Colon	1	Diabetes Mellitus	2
Carcinoma of Intestine	5	Diarrhea	1
Carcinoma of Kidney	1	Intestinal Obstruction	1
Carcinoma of Pancreas	1	Mesenteric Thrombosis	4

Carcinoma of Stomach	1 Perforation of Colon Generalized Peritonitis	1
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DISEASES OF THE GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM

Adenocarcinoma of Cervix of Uteri	Septicemia—Kidney and Bladder infection	1
Carcinoma of Prostate	Tuberculosis of Bladder	1

ALL OTHER DISEASES

Carcinoma of Eye with Metastasis	Peritonitis	1
Cardio-Vascular Renal Disease	Pulmonary Atelectasis	1
Lympho-sarcoma	Stillborn	14
Prematurity	Sudden deaths presumably	
	Coronary Thrombosis	4

ACCIDENTAL

Asphyxiation due to inhalation of milk	Fracture of ribs with perforation of left lung	1
Asphyxiation from inspiration of vomitus	Suicide by gunshot	1
Asphyxiation by strangulation		1
Extensive burns of body, face and neck renal failure	Suicide—Hemorrhage abdominal gunshot	1

Respectfully submitted,
MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

REPORT OF THE FOOD INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

During last January, upon the request of your Board, Mr. Theodore Shepardson, the South-Central District Sanitary Officer of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, assisted by your own inspector, made a sanitary survey of the eating and drinking establishments of Southbridge.

The purpose of the survey was to evaluate the present restaurant sanitation program, and to make recommendations for expanding and improving this program. A similar survey was made in January of 1944, but no written report with all details was ever submitted by the state department to your Board, except the sanitary ratings of the places visited.

In the interval between 1944 and 1947, your Board has adopted the recommended regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health governing eating and drinking establishments.

In the survey of January 1947, Mr. Shepardson and your inspector found, that out of the twenty-three items of sanitation listed on the score sheet which added up to a total of 100%, the fifty establishments we visited, rated an average of 60% in compliance, compared to 48% in the 1944 survey.

It must be realized that the regulations your Board has adopted are the minimum requirements necessary for the protection of the patronizing public, and an average of 90% or more, would have indicated a reasonable compliance to these regulations. Instead, we found that only two items were fully complied with, but these particular items did not reflect any direct credit on the owners of these establishments.

In an endeavor to raise the sanitary standards of these places, your Board inaugurated a series of three illustrated lectures for the benefit of food and drink handlers, from April 21st, through April 25th.

Four articles of publicity were written for publication in our local newspaper, and we distributed more than 350 attendance cards to the owners and other personnel of these establishments upon the expectancy that at least one hundred of these people would realize their responsibilities to the public and make an effort to improve their sanitation methods.

The attendance to these lectures, after three years of talk, recommendations, inspections, consultations and publicity, not to mention the number of bacterial tests made, reached the following astonishing, not to say humiliating, total:

Attended one lecture	18 persons
Attended two lectures	10 persons
Attended all three lectures	8 persons

This was after we had received in March, a detailed report from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding the results of the January survey, giving us an average score of 60%. Considering the comparatively small number of those who attended all three lectures and saw the pictures, which, by the way, were not as dry and dull as would be expected, and contemplating the large amount of sanitation work yet remaining to be done, your inspector wished to call your attention to some of the most outstanding and glaring facts about these surveys and reports.

For instance, all establishments still show a 100% violation as to toilet facilities, all being without self-closing doors and hand-washing signs, even after three years of discussions on this item alone.

Item 8, which is Lavatory Facilities, had 39 violations, which comprised of no hand-washing convenience other than the dish-washing sink. Others lacked soap or sanitary towels. The importance of the personal cleanliness of food and drink handlers cannot be too strongly emphasized, and the use of hand-washing facilities and sanitary towels is an elementary essential to this end.

Bacterial treatment had 47 violations, or 94% of the fifty establishments visited had food containers, utensils or equipment which were not clean or had not been subjected to bacterial treatment.

On the other hand, we found that all establishments purchased wholesome foods, but the credit for this item should go to the storekeepers.

All establishments also had a safe public water supply entering the building, all due credit to the Southbridge Water Works, but in too many places very little was done by the personnel to make sure this supply remained safe and sanitary.

Any patron of our eating and drinking places can see for himself what yet remains to be done. From January to October 1st, the state department of Public Health conducted surveys in sixty-seven communities outside of Boston, including Southbridge, in which only ten of these localities received a sanitary rating of 80%, or more, with Southbridge rating 60%.

While our rating for this 1947 survey shows a slight improvement over 1944, the improvement is not really significant. There is much to be done before Southbridge will have a satisfactory restaurant sanitation program. The adoption of a strict set of regulations is a practically useless step, unless accompanied by an active inspectional and educational program.

The recommendations made by the state department of Public Health, as submitted in its report of March 19th, should be followed out before anyone may expect to raise the sanitary standards of our eating and drinking establishments.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON
Food Inspector

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

Alterations and maintenance alone kept all contractors busy during the first few months of the year. Although materials are somewhat more plentiful than during the war, numerous items are still scarce, if not non-existent altogether, and we could also provide steady employment for more licensed plumbers in this community.

There has been a sharp increase in installations of complete bathrooms, washing machines and water heaters of all types.

As in all other lines of business, a large amount of new work is planned for next year, and if material shipments increase in quantity and frequency so as to more closely meet long-standing back-logs, we should be exceedingly busy in 1948.

During the year 1947, the following plumbing fixtures and appliances were installed:

	New	Used
Lavatories	187	10
Water Closets	191	11
Bath Tubs	128	5
Kitchen Sinks	130	4
Laundry Trays	21	1
Sink and Tray Combinations	49	0
Shower Pans	24	0
Urinals	11	1
Slop Sinks	2	0
Industrial Sinks	5	0
Soda Fountains	2	0
Drinking Fountains	1	2
Battery Washing Fountains	2	0
Meat Show Case	1	0
Garbage Disposal Units	3	0
Sewage Lifts	1	0
Dental Cuspidors	2	0
Electric Water Pumps	3	0
Beer Dispensers	3	0
Washing Machines	27	1
Dishwashing Machines	1	0
Foot Baths	1	0
Air Conditioning Units	3	0
Grease Traps	3	0
Hot Water Tanks	95	2
Tankless Water Heaters	27	0
Hot Water Coils	26	0
Electric, Gas, Oil and Coal Water Heaters	64	1

Water Piping and General Plumbing Repairs

33

FIXTURE TOTALS

876

39

Number of Permits granted

387

Number of Inspections made

713

Number of Water Tests

65

Number of Unfinished Jobs

73

We also inspected the installation of 21 Septic Tanks; 3 Cess-pools; 12 Sewer Connections, and 11 Floor Drains.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to those civic-minded citizens who, through their firm belief in law and order, co-operated with us in enforcing the health laws and regulations of our state and community.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON
Inspector of Plumbing

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Gentlemen:

We hereby present the report of our activities during 1947, as follows:

We quarantined 23 dogs for the usual 14 days on suspicion of rabies infection.

For Mastitis, or Garget, 27 heads of cattle of various grades and value were disposed of by sale, butchering, or otherwise.

We verified the ear-tag numbers of tuberculin tested and the Bang's disease certificates of 49 heads of cattle imported from various states into our community for exhibition, dairying, or slaughtering purposes.

We also visited the farms or premises of 54 of our townspeople who keep and maintain livestock, and found the following number of animals and conditions:

Cattle of various grades and ages	370 heads
Horses	76 heads
Goats	10 heads
Sheep	6 heads
Swine	33 heads

Total heads 495

We requested the owners of several premises to clean and whitewash their stables, remove accumulations of manure, and correct faulty ventilation or poor lighting conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH A. CHAGNON
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

There has been a continued sharp decrease in local slaughtering again this year, but at present, the trend is leveling off to what will eventually be a slight increase over our average pre-war level. Of course, the high price of grain and other feeds also deters many people from raising the few heads of livestock which they formerly produced principally for their own use.

This part of our country is not favorable to raising livestock for meat purposes on a large scale, due to several reasons, physical and economical. Nevertheless, it is significant that local slaughtering, as in the depression years of 1930 and the recent war years, tends to fluctuate up and down in relation to the supply and market price of meats available through our local commercial channels.

We were present and assisted at the slaughtering of the following:

Cattle	58
Calves	167
Hogs	115
Sheep	23
Goats	2
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Total	365

We confiscated 3 carcasses of beef and 2 carcasses of hogs and condemned 117 pounds of meat as unfit for human consumption.

Respectfully submitted

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF MILK INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Health

Gentlemen:

Your rules and regulations relating to the pasteurization of milk and cream, new type bottle-caps and the use of milk-carrying vehicles went into effect on April 1st of this year.

Some of these rules and regulations were grudgingly accepted by both dealers and consumers, and at first, considerable confusion and misunderstanding developed, but conditions were ironed out after several special hearings held by your Board.

As you know, the purpose of constantly repeated inspections, tests and analyses is to discover faults, find the cause, and apply corrective methods. To be of any value, these corrections must be made effective at the source of the trouble and be accompanied with

subsequent verifying tests and analyses on the finished products.

The pasteurizing process is not to be considered as a universal cure-all for every ailment of the dairy industry, but rather as an additional safeguard which kills all pathogenic bacteria that may have multiplied in the milk before processing. This process does not otherwise add one iota to the intrinsic or nutritional value of the milk or cream, except that it increases somewhat the keeping qualities of the product.

With the above well-established facts in mind, your inspector has always been of the opinion that the emphasis, or the greater amount of effort should be applied at the dairy farm where the milk is produced, rather than at the dealers' vehicles at the time of delivery to consumers.

The production of clean, safe milk at the farms, properly cooled and transported in clean vehicles to the receiving plant where it is adequately processed and bottled under sanitary conditions and thereafter protected from subsequent contamination should be, and is, our aiming point. A product cannot be any better than the materials it is made from.

Therefore, in submitting this report, the total numbers of samples, tests and analyses are given, as well as the number of samples which fell short of the established standards or which were altogether unsatisfactory.

During the year, we were able to gather 142 samples of milk or cream, which we tested and analyzed as follows:

TESTS FOR BUTTER FATS: 129 samples

18 were below the state standard of 3.35% by weight.

TESTS FOR SOLIDS OR MINERALS: 76 samples

46 were below standard which is 12% by weight. Note—This type of tests for solids is not for dietary purposes, but merely to ascertain whether the milk was diluted or skimmed.

KEEPING QUALITY TESTS AND GRADING: 126 samples

Divided as follows: 58 good; 28 fair; 13 poor; 27 unsatisfactory.

Total 126.

POSPHATASE TESTS: (To determine if milk is thoroughly pasteurized) 2 were positive, or not pasteurized 43 samples.

tive, or not pasteurized.

MICROSCOPIC BACTERIA COUNT: 118 samples

39 were high, or excessive (No microscopic state standard).

Note—The Standard Plate Count of Bacteria by which the state standards are set cannot be performed by your inspector due to reasons which your Board is acquainted with.

MASTITIS: SEROLOGICAL AND MICROSCOPIC: 17 samples

13 were found positive and the cows eliminated from production.

We also granted the following licenses:	
Pasteurization Plants	5
Milk Dealers (Vehicles)	14
Milk Dealers (Stores, Restaurants)	83
Ice Cream Manufacturing	2
Oleomargarine, Licenses and Registrations	68

Respectfully submitted
 JOSEPH A. CHAGNON
 Inspector of Milk

PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of Southbridge, Mass.

Your Planning Board herewith submits their report for the year 1947.

The Board wishes to thank Mr. J. George Page, past Board member and chairman for his unselfish work on the Board the past several years. Mr. Page did not seek re-election in 1948. The Board welcomes Mr. R. Gaulin, the new member of the Board. One of the official acts of the Board was to change the meeting nights from every other Tuesday to every Monday for the convenience of the citizens. The Board has worked in co-operation with the Board of Selectman and the Chamber of Commerce in the study of the advisability of installing parking meters in town. The Board made a study of the proposed widening of Goddard Street and is co-operating with the Board of Selectmen in regards to this widening. The Board held a conference with the Chief of Police with regards to improving the traffic flow in town. In co-operation with the Department of Public Works the Board has had several Stop signs installed at the intersection of Dresser and Marcy Streets, Mechanic and North Streets and Oakes Avenue and South Street. Diagonal parking was recommended for the Globe Village area, also a crosswalk from Mill Street to High Street. The Board requested the Building Inspector to check on several zoning violations and had them corrected.

The Board granted a conditional approval to Martin Krasowsky and others for the laying out of Gibraltar Avenue, Walter Street and George Street. A change of Zone was made of Morris Street from a Single Family Zone to a Two-Family Zone, also one from a Two-Family Zone to a Retail Zone. The Board approved both changes. The Board held a conference and conducted a field survey of the Fire Alarm System.

Considerable more work has been given us due to the enactment of Chapter 340 Acts of 1947. A committee was formed of members of the Board and various Veterans organizations to study the need for Housing for Veterans in Southbridge.

The Board attended several meetings of the Massachusetts Federation of Planning Boards.

We wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Town Engineer and other town officials for their cooperation.

Respectfully yours

J. GEORGE PAGE, Chairman

BERNARD L. RAIMONDO, Secretary

EDWARD SEREMET

GEORGE S. DUQUETTE

MITCHELL KURPOSKA

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Town of Southbridge,

Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of your Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Board acted from a safety factor and recommended and approved a change of Business property of Mr. George Duquette on Lebanon Hill, by changing a retail store from one building to an adjoining building on the same premises.

Respectfully submitted

PETER GRAF, Chairman

EDWARD SEREMET, Secretary

MITCHELL KURPOSKA

Board of Zoning Appeals

RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

During the year 1947 the Municipal Athletic Field project started in the Fall of the previous year on the town owned tract of land on Dresser Street progressed satisfactorily although considerably hindered by an unusually rainy season.

The draining, grading, layout and seeding has been completed as well as the Tennis Courts, Tract, and Dugouts for Baseball. The Fence, also, is completely erected except for the area where the Field House will be located.

The following is a brief summary of amounts expended on the project during the past year:

Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$81,466.09
Cost of completed work	\$33,957.21	
Less amounts due but not yet paid	8,798.68	
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		25,158.53
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Balance Dec. 31, 1947		\$56,307.56
Further work contracted for is as follows :		
Baseball grandstand and bleachers		\$15,551.00
(Seating capacity approximately 1600)		
Field House and entrance		23,215.00
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Total		\$38,766.00
Balance for Football Stands		\$8,742.88

Work has been started on the foundation for the permanent Baseball Grandstand which is to be completed by April 1, 1948. The portable bleachers will be erected at the same time and completion of this will make the field available for baseball this Spring.

While construction of the Field Houses and Entrance got away to a poor start because of adverse conditions, it is anticipated that this project will also be completed early this Spring. At this time when all bills have been paid, the stands for Football will be contracted for. The seating capacity will be determined by the sum remaining from the original appropriation of \$100,000.

Inasmuch as the Recreation Committee's authority is confined solely to the construction of these facilities and that the field will be ready for use early this Spring, it will be necessary for the citizens of the town to vote to create an authority for the operation, maintenance and future construction of this Athletic Field.

To the end that the best interests of the Town be served, it was suggested that this authority be vested in a committee which would also have responsibility over the operation, maintenance

and future construction of the Swimming Pool. After consulting with the Swimming Pool Committee through Mr. Henry Racicot, Town Engineer, and subsequently approved by the Swimming Pool Committee, the following recommendation was adopted:

That the committee established under Article 12 at the Special Town Meeting of December 13, 1943 and designated as the Recreational Committee and Committee established under Article 21 at the Annual Meeting of March 10, 1941 and designated as the Swimming Pool Committee be discharged and a new committee appointed.

This new committee to be known as the Southbridge Recreation Committee and to consist of 15 voters, 5 of which will be the 3 Park Commissioners, The Building Inspector and the Town Engineer, whoever they may be, 5 of which will be appointed for 2 years, 5 of which will be appointed for 1 year. The appointments to be made by the Board of Selectmen and succeeding appointments to be made for 3 years as terms expire or as necessary to fill vacancies from any cause. The Committee will elect its own chairman.

This committee is hereby authorized and instructed to supervise the future construction, operation and maintenance of the municipal Athletic Field and Swimming Pool. They are to make rules for the use of these Recreational Facilities, fix rentals, and concession fees, accept gifts to the Town for these facilities and so operate them that the income received by the Town will eventually equal the cost of these facilities plus the net operating and maintenance appropriations made at this or future Town Meetings.

The General Committee is hereby also authorized and instructed to reserve the use of the Athletic Field for the School Department Athletic Program, said program to be submitted to general committee no later than April 1st of each year for Spring and Summer Activities and no later than August 31, for Fall and Winter Activities.

This committee will elect from its own membership an operating sub-committee of 3 members who are to directly handle the details of the operation of the Municipal Athletic Field and an operation sub-committee of 3 members to directly handle the details of the operation of the Municipal Swimming Pool and who are to report to the General Committee at least once each month, these sub-committees to carry out the policies laid down by the general committee. The general committee may also appoint other sub-committees to carry out any other details as seem advisable.

The administration is to conform to State, local and Federal laws and regulations as to admissions, tickets, and public safety. Accurate records of daily attendance and gate receipts shall be kept of the use of these facilities and copies of these records

shall be furnished to sponsoring organizations, if any, and to the Town Treasurer.

No member of this committee may be paid any money for services on materials pertaining to these facilities unless a copy of a vote of the general committee authorizing each payment is filed with the Town Accountant.

Rental or other income shall be paid directly to the Town Treasurer and all payments shall be made by the Town Treasurer on properly approved warrants.

The general committee may make such rules for their own guidance, attendance and publicity as may be voted in any meeting of that committee.

The Committee further recommends that in order to complete the Municipal Athletic Field project, that Dresser Street from Marcy to Sayles Streets be re-surfaced and a sidewalk constructed.

We would also like to point out at this time the desirability of the Town acquiring the property known as Alumni Field and to develop this as a play field for that area of the Town.

In conclusion, your Chairman would like to express his appreciation and thanks to the members of the committee and other town officials who have so generously donated their time to the furtherance of this project.

Respectfully submitted

HECTOR P. LeCLAIR, Chairman

LEOPOLD POIRIER, Secretary

Joseph Piasta

Norman Leblanc

Emil Martin

Anthony Deterando

Roland Langevin

Lorenzo Beaupre

John Farland

Albert Simonds

Rev. Walter Kraft

Albert Renna

Alton K. Marsters

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

To the Citizens of Southbridge, Mass.

Following is an account of the expenses for the maintainance of Memorial Park in the year ending December 31, 1947.

Labor for cutting grass, trimming shrubs, and snow removal	\$181.49
Electricity and water	17.30
Spraying trees	78.50
Material and supplies	85.35

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$362.64
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Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR A. ROY
OVILA DONAIS
JAMES MURPHY
ARTHUR CABANA
LECTANCE LANDRY
ROSARIO ARPIN
Trustees

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Following is a report of the Park Commission for the year ending December 31, 1947.

May, June, July, August, September, care of Legion Plots

Labor	\$228.66
Loam	19.25
Rope	5.00
Total Expenditures	\$252.91

Respectfully submitted

JOHN FARLAND
WILFRED GAUTHIER
ROLAND LANGEVIN



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEES

For the Town

Wardwell M. Edwards, Chairman

Dr. Nerio W. Pioppi

Oswald J. Laliberte

For the Edwards Bequest

John O. Martin

Gertrude W. Smith

W. Wesley Crawford

Arthur Kay

LIBRARY HOURS

Open 1948:

Monday-Friday—10.00 A. M. to 9.00 P. M.

Saturday — 10.00 A. M. to 6.00 P. M.

Closed 1948:

January 1

New Year's Day

May 30

Memorial Day

July 4

Independence Day

September 6

Labor Day

November 11

Armistice Day

November 25

Thanksgiving Day

December 25

Christmas Day

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library:

Annual report time is here again, and again it is hard for the librarian to become articulate enough to summarize and record the activities of the library for the year. She can list statistics of circulation, new books added to the library, new borrowers registered, but people take these things for granted, and they give but little indication of the time, energy, money involved, and of the services rendered by a library which are impossible to measure by figures.

Perhaps it might be of interest to try to picture just what processes are involved in the selection, purchase, and preparation of every book before it can be charged out over the counter for home use. First, its selection is to be considered. The librarian, of course, cannot read every book someone asks for. Even if it were humanly possible to read every book before adding it to the library collection, she could not, of course, trust her individual judgment on that of her staff about books on every subject under the sun. She must rely on critics, specialists in their field, and their opinions of the books to be considered. Therefore before passing judgment on whether or not a book should be bought for the library, the librarian must consult book reviews if it is a current book in question, or the several standard aids to book selection for public libraries. After the decision is made regarding its purchase, the

book must then be ordered from a book store or publisher. Upon receipt of the book and the bill for it, the book is processed for library use. It is opened properly and carefully to prevent later breaking down of the binding, the buying information (price, source and date) is written in the book, it is embossed with the library stamp and a pocket is pasted in the front. Then comes the actual classifying and cataloging of the book. Possibly Library of Congress or Wilson printed catalog cards have been ordered for the book. If so, the job is greatly facilitated. If not, the librarian must verify the correct form of the author's name, must decide upon its classification, and if it is non-fiction, a Dewey Decimal classification number must be assigned to it and also a Cutter or author number. The librarian must then decide under what subject headings the book must be entered in the card catalog and also what other entries must represent the book in the catalog besides the author, such as title, editor, joint author, illustrator, etc. The book is then ready to go to the typist to have the proper cards typed for this public catalog, and a card for the office record, and a book card. Finally, after the book, if non-fiction, has been marked on its spine with the call number (classification number and author number) and, if fiction, with just author and title inside, it is put on the shelves for public use.

This process was followed for 1558 new titles added to the Jacob Edwards Memorial Library in 1947. 1497 people registered at the library this year to borrow these and other books. 3126 borrowers registered in 1945 and 1946, making a total of 4633 borrowers registered in the last three years which is the period of activity of each borrower's card. This shows that only 25% of the people of Southbridge are registered borrowers at the public library. These 4633 borrowers borrowed 91,441 books for home use. 29% of all borrowers are children and they borrowed 27,106 books or 29% of the total circulation.

Again it should be pointed out that a library's service to a community cannot be judged by statistics alone. No count is made of the users of reference books, newspapers and periodicals in the reading and reference rooms. Children and young people crowd the rooms day after day using library facilities both for school use and personal pleasure, sometimes to the distraction of more mature readers! Innumerable questions are answered and others given careful attention and sometimes hours of research even if the answer is elusive.

Book Week, as usual, brought its reward in increased use of the facilities of the children's rooms and in the appearance of new faces encouraged to come to the library by Miss Hazelton's visits to the public schools. Two hundred and forty new borrowers of grammar school age registered this year. The circulation of 3045 children's books during the month of November is an indication of the possibilities which lie ahead when a trained children's librarian can operate from a well-equipped separate children's department devoted entirely to children's needs and interest. Over 2000 of the

present 5369 books in the children's room are difficult for the children themselves to find and consult because they are shelved in narrow aisles of stacks. Still others are on high shelves out of reach of short arms or crowded tightly into too small a space. When these things are remedied it is safe to say service to the children of Southbridge can be increased 100%.

The library staff now consists of four full-time members. Mrs. Hilda Heather joined the staff in March on a part-time basis and after completing a six-weeks summer course in library science returned to the library in September in a full-time capacity as reference librarian. Mrs. F. H. Niklason, nee Ruth Desmarais, resigned in June and Miss Mary Ann Hazelton replaced her as children's assistant the end of August. The library and its friends and patrons as well as the people of Southbridge as a whole were shocked and saddened by the loss in August of Jean Small from its part-time staff because of her contraction of infantile paralysis. It is the hope of the staff that next summer will find her back, smiling and willing as ever to help.

The librarian and her staff are grateful to the users of the library for their cooperation and friendliness. It is their hope that more people of Southbridge will be added to the group of library users in 1948.

STATISTICAL RECORD

Library	Jacob Edwards Memorial Library
Date of founding	1871
Population served	17,561
Days open during year	307
Hours open each week	63
Number of volumes January 1, 1947	31,170
Number of volumes added	1,710
New 1,558)	Including 435 books by gift and
Replaced 152)	transfer from Rental Collection
Number of volumes discarded and lost	935
Number of volumes December 31, 1947	31,945
Number of registered borrowers	4,633
Number of volumes lent for home use	91,441
Largest circulation for one day (December 1)	578
Smallest circulation for one day (December 24)	129
Average circulation per day	297.85

LIBRARY STAFF

Librarian	Elaine Van Norstrand
Reference Librarian	Hilda Heather
General Assistant	Gertrude Peloquin
Acting children's librarian	Mary Ann Hazelton
Janitor	Romualdo Di Bonventura

PART TIME STAFF

Phyllis Horne
Lois LePage
Marcia Small

Panyota Kraly
Helen Rowley
Barbara St. Martin

Respectfully submitted
Elaine Van Nostrand
Librarian

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT
THE JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
1947 Receipts and Expenditures
1948 Budget Estimate

ITEM	1947 Receipts	1947 Expenditures	1948 Budget
Town Appropriation			
Regular a/c	12,000.00		
Special (Equipment)	1,000.00		
		13,000.00	
Less Refund to E.&D. a/c		169.74	
		12,830.26	
Transfer to 1948 Special Appro.	1,000.00		
		11,830.26	
MYNOTT FUND			
Bal. Jan 1, 1947	55.81		
Receipts 1947	20.00		
	75.81		
Disbursements	30.98	30.98	
Bal. Dec. 31, 1947	44.83		
TRUSTEE FUNDS			
Bal. Jan. 1, 1947	89.67		
Receipts			
Edwards Trusts	4,721.33		
Bradford Trusts	97.36		
Interest Spec. Res.	160.00		
	5,068.36		
Trans. to Spec. Res.	1,000.00		
	4,068.36		
Operating Balance			
Dec. 31, 1947	743.17		
	3,325.19	3,325.19	
SPECIAL RESERVE			
Jan. 1, 1947	9,000.00		
1947 Addition	1,000.00		
	10,000.00		
Total 1947 Receipts	15,186.43		

ITEM	1947		1948
	Receipts	Expenditures	Budget
EXPENDITURES			
PAYROLL			
101	Librarian		
102	Assistant or Acting Librarian		
103	Regular Employees		
104	Part-time Employees		
105	Sunday Opening		
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		8,395.52	9,300.00
BUILDING OPERATION EXPENSES			
150	Payroll — Janitor		
151	Payroll — Janitor's Helper		
301	Fuel		
302	Light		
303	Water		
304	Supplies		
305	Removal Ashes, etc.		
306	Miscellaneous Expenses		
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		3,254.93	3,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES			
401-402	Telephone, Stationery and Postage		
403	Desk and Office Supplies		
404	Audit		
407	Miscellaneous		
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		400.58	400.00
351	BUILDING MAINTENACE	47.07	200.00
352	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	61.16	75.00
BOOKS AND PERIODICALS			
201	Books)	2,878.20	3,000.00
202	Periodicals)		
250	BOOK REPAIRS	148.97	200.00
EQUIPMENT			
501	Furniture & Fixtures		200.00
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	Totals	15,186.43	16,875.00
Special Appropriation for Building Repairs and Improvements (A)			
			<hr/>
			1,000.00
			<hr/>
			\$17,875.00

(A) Special appropriation \$5,000.00 requested by Trustees in 1941 to be appropriated by Town over a period of five years—at the rate of \$1,000.00 each year.—Involves Lighting, Heating, and Renovation.

Due to existing conditions this appropriation was not granted for 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 or 1946, but was granted for 1947. Trustees call attention to importance of this special appropriation being made available as soon as conditions warrant.

Approved by Trustees,
The Jacob Edwards Memorial Library.

W. M. EDWARDS
GERTRUDE W. SMITH
O. J. LALIBERTE
JOHN O. MARTIN
NERIO W. PIOPPI
W. W. CRAWFORD
ARTHUR KAY

SUMMARY

	1947		1947		1948	
	Budget		Appropriation		Expenditures	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Town-Normal Basis	12,000.00		12,000.00		12,000.00	71.6
Town-Special Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	5.6
Town-Cr. to E&D a/c					169.74	
Trustee Funds						
(Edwards)	13,000.00	73.1	13,000.00	73.1	11,830.26	77.9
Trustee Funds	4,680.00	26.9	4,680.00	26.9	*3,325.19	21.9
(Mynott)					30.98	.2

Total 17,680.00 100.0 17,680.00 100.0 15,186.43 100.0 17,875.00 100.0

If the amount collected by Library and turned in to Town Treasurer (\$1,340.94) is taken into consideration, the net cost to taxpayers for 1947 (\$10,489.32) is 69.09% of the cost for year.

Attention is called to the estimated contribution for 1948 of \$4,075.00 from Trust Funds. On this basis the town cost will be only 77.2% of total budget including the special appropriation of \$1,000.00 if granted, and 71.6% if that special appropriation is not granted.

In the interests of the public the trustees urgently recommend that the facilities of the Library be expanded thru the addition of a building to be used as a children's library. Trustees appeared before the Southbridge Public Improvement Committee in 1947 and \$48,500.00 has been set up as a capital outlay for 1948—all or a part of this amount to be raised by a Bond issue.

This needed Children's Library will not only develop reading habits for children, but will make available to adults the present facilities under more satisfactory conditions.

(*) Difference between Appropriation of Trustee Funds and 1947 Disbursements is accounted for by Purchases of Equipment not received or billed in 1947 but will be paid from Trustee Funds in 1948. Also, payments for payroll from Trustee Funds were below our calculation due to the labor situation.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Southbridge, Mass.

For the year ending
December 31, 1947

ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE—1947-1948

Arthur H. Gaumond, Chairman, 45 South Street	1948
Joseph S. Normandin, 14 Dresser Street	1948
Hector M. LeClair, Lebanon Hill	1949
Ernest Boyer, 251 Marcy Street	1949
Paul H. Benoit, 236 West Street	1950
William J. Brunell, 153 Charlton Street	1950

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William L. Bourgeois Residence, 172 Dresser Street
Office: High School Building, Tel. 365

The Superintendent's office is open on school days from 8:00 to 11:30 A. M. and 1:30 to 5:00 P. M.; Saturdays 9:00 to 11:30 A. M.; Monday and Wednesday evenings: 7:00 to 7:30 P. M. Superintendent is available for conference by appointment. Call 365.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CLERK

Elsie A. Hofstra, 173 Sayles Street Tel. 1108

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. William Langevin, 24 Everett Street Tel. 984

Dr. Adah B. Eccleston, 62 Elm Street Tel. 32

SCHOOL NURSE

Edna C. Pinsonneault, 110 Pine Street Tel. 2579

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Raoul O. Lataille, 79 High Street Tel. 1674-J

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1948

Winter term, seven weeks	January 5—February 20
Spring term, seven weeks	March 1—April 16
Summer term, eight weeks	April 26—June 18
Fall term, sixteen weeks	September 8—December 23

NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 7.15 A. M. will indicate no morning session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 7.15 A. M. also to indicate no morning session for all grades.

2-2-2 on fire alarm at 12.30 P. M. will indicate no afternoon session for all grades. The street lights will be on for 5 minutes beginning at 12.30 P. M. also to indicate no afternoon session for all grades.

Even if there has been no morning session, there will be an afternoon session unless signals are given.

The street light signals are provided through the courtesy of Worcester County Electric Company.

"No-School" signals will be broadcast over WTAG at 6.55 A. M., 7.00 A. M., 7.28 A. M., and 7.45 A. M.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The School Committee herewith submits the following report of the finances of the School Department of the Town for the year closing December 31, 1947.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In Brief:

Total expenditures	351,168.36	
Total receipts returned to Town Treasurer	69,567.81	
Net Cost to Town		281,600.51

In Detail:

Receipts to School Department appropriation	356,661.26
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S. Government	4,865.18
George-Deen Fund	451.75
George Barden Fund	432.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1947	243.00

Total Funds Available

362,167.19

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL CONTROL		10,608.75
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:		
Transportation	12,372.00	
Tuition to other schools	436.84	
Compulsory attendance	401.77	
School doctors	1,861.87	
School nurse	2,412.21	
Medical expenses	471.04	
Total—Auxiliary Agencies		17,955.73
HIGH SCHOOL:		
Instruction salaries	65,723.84	
Instruction expenses:		
Supplies	1,198.41	
Textbooks	3,113.84	
Other expenses	723.94	
Operation of plant	11,445.78	
Maintenance of plant	938.24	
Capital outlay	463.50	
Total—High School		83,607.55
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:		
Instruction salaries	114,104.08	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	1,328.31	
Supplies	3,912.23	
Other expenses	481.52	
Operation of plant	19,228.00	
Maintenance of plant	2,449.18	
Capital outlay	371.73	
Total—Elementary Schools		141,875.05
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:		
Instruction salaries	61,853.29	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	281.33	
Supplies	3,533.52	
Other expenses	1,315.79	
Operation of plant	7,605.74	
Maintenance of plant	1,550.09	
Capital outlay	1,657.11	
Total—Vocational School		77,796.87
ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOL:		
Instruction salaries	1,441.50	
Instruction expenses	28.93	
Operation of plant	35.00	
Total—Elementary Evening School		1,505.43
EVENING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL		
Instruction salaries	2,540.20	
Instruction expenses:		
Textbooks	26.77	
Supplies	299.97	
Operation of plant	213.25	
Maintenance of plant	25.75	
Capital outlay	4.08	
Total—Evening Vocational School		3,110.02
HOUSEHOLD ARTS :		
Salaries	5,534.50	

Textbooks	60.26	
Supplies	349.06	
Maintenance	36.90	
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Total—Household Arts		5,980.72
CONTINUATION SCHOOL:		
Salaries	307.83	
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Total—Continuation School		307.83
VISUAL AIDS:		
Salaries	170.00	
Supplies	29.40	
Maintenance of plant	84.34	
Capital outlay	406.20	
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Total — Visual Aids		689.94
PLAYGROUNDS:		
Instruction salaries	2,828.15	
Other expenses	1,309.39	
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Total—Playgrounds		4,137.54
RETIREMENT FOR SERVICEMEN		188.11
CONTINGENCY FUND		3,404.82
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Total Expenditures		351,168.36
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1947		10,998.83
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		\$362,167.19
Massachusetts School Fund	13,252.50	
Vocational School (Coop.) State Grant	12,332.15	
Vocational School (Day) State Grant	1,924.33	
Vocational School—General Vocational	9,696.97	
Household Arts—State Grant	1,883.08	
Continuation School—State Grant	226.92	
Adult Civic Education	598.25	
Vocational School (Evening) State Grant	424.58	
Worcester Evening Industrial School	10.80	
Lynn Vocational School	20.00	
Boston Trade Preparatory Classes	50.06	
Smith-Hughes, U. S. Government Fund	4,843.04	
George-Deen Fund	399.00	
George Barden Fund	432.00	
High School Tuition	9,514.55	
Elementary School Tuition	1,208.02	
Vocational School Tuition	12,486.53	
Cole Trade High School—Goods Sold	362.07	
Refunds	145.96	
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Total		69,810.81
George Barden Fund—Balance, December 31, 1947		243.00
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Total Receipts Returned to Town Treasurer		69,567.81

The fiscal year 1947 was a more effective one in the operation of our public schools. It was equally more challenging to the best efforts of every member of your School Committee and your Superintendent.

The following pages contain the record of activities which were made possible by the generosity of the taxpayers of Southbridge. From this record the citizens of the town may learn what progress has been made and how the funds have been expended.

The citizens have shown their concern in the maintenance of a strong school

system and have borne testimony that they realize how intimately the welfare of a community may be associated with its schools. Our citizens have demonstrated their willingness to provide the best in public education in spite of heavy costs. It was a gratifying expression of their confidence in their school officials; in turn, the members of your School Committee continue to show their willingness and their intent to give their utmost in dealing with the all-important task of teaching our children, as well as the effective management and operation of our school system in these troubled times.

In carrying out its many obligations, your School Committee has had to face and settle many problems of profound importance during the past year.

1. **BUDGET.** The budget for 1947 was substantially higher than that of any previous year. Operational costs have soared—and are not yet stabilized. The sums requested, far from being excessive, permitted the administration to undertake a reasonable amount of needed repairs and to resume some form of adequate maintenance so that the physical plant should not impede the educational processes.

Two special articles in the Town Warrant permitted the school department to meet the minimum requirements of the Massachusetts Departments of Health and Public Safety, by making the necessary alterations and renovations at Marcy Street School, and by installing "emergency lighting" in certain public school buildings. A third article permitted the rebuilding in part and the improvement of the playground area at West Street School. The overall school costs to the town for 1947 were further raised by the inclusion of the needed funds to meet the deficit of 1946, as voted at the Special Town Meeting in December, 1946.

2. **SALARIES.** The problem of salary readjustment has given the School Committee great concern. It is fortunate that our school system already has in effect the "single salary schedule" which is in operation since 1943. It now meets the requirements of recent enactment by the Legislature, General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 40, as amended and this was the law that the voters sanctioned by a substantial majority at the last election.

The problem is actually to place teachers' salaries, as well as those of other school personnel on an equitable basis with those of other occupations. Much has been done, and is being done in the state and in the nation to increase the salaries of our public school teachers to the level of a profession. Southbridge must remain within reasonable limits while maintaining a position commensurate with its resources, and comparable to other cities and towns of like size throughout the Commonwealth.

For the many other considerations that could be made at this time, particularly from the educational standpoint, your attention is called to the report of the Superintendent, and the heads of the various departments. We are certain that much has been accomplished and that marked progress is being duly made in the improvement of our entire educational system.

We are only too well aware of the fact that a large proportion of the town tax is required for school purposes. We are equally certain that every penny is put to good use. We must consider the school appropriation not as a tax but as an investment. Are we not dealing in our most precious commodity—our children—and we anticipate a good return on our investment in the development of the intelligent citizens of tomorrow.

In conclusion, I wish to express my intense appreciation to my colleagues on the School Committee for their staunch support. I wish to join the members of the Committee in expressing our appreciation to our Superintendent, Mr. William L. Bourgeois, for his invaluable assistance, and to the entire personnel of the School Department for every conscientious effort and all efficient work during the past year. Through the efforts of all it has been possible to maintain and even raise the desired standards in our school system. We are indebted to the other Town Departments who always extend courteous cooperation in our mutual relations.

Respectfully submitted

ARTHUR H. GAUMOND

Chairman, School Committee

There are also plans in the High School to see materialize a school BAND. The activities to defray the expense of instruments, and of uniforms later, are being sponsored by the Southbridge Rotary Club, to whose members we are deeply grateful.

THE SCHOOL BUDGET

The Town Meeting of March 1947, voted the School Department the largest amount ever appropriated for general school purposes. It became possible to initiate a more nearly proper and adequate operation of the Public School system.

In meeting his sacred obligations, the taxpayer has assumed a tremendous burden. Too long has real estate been made to bear the brunt of this burden. As educators and administrators, we are well aware of this fact; we must constantly study the source from which school funds are derived. Definite plans have been made and bills engrossed to seek relief from the Commonwealth at the coming session of the Legislature by some form of financial aid, commonly called STATE AID, that the burden of educational costs may be more adequately distributed. With the combined efforts of the officers of the Massachusetts Teachers' Federation and the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, along with other interested groups, we are waging a valiant battle. It is recognized that Education is a State function; the State must provide some form of financial relief to the taxpayer. We are continuing our indomitable efforts to that end.

The Estimate of Expenditures for the fiscal year 1948 shows the following increases:

	1947	1948	Increases
Salaries	\$285,514.91	\$327,198.67	\$41,683.76
ALL Other Expenses	57,922.98	61,085.00	3,162.02

SALARIES

After a detailed study of salary schedules in communities comparable to Southbridge, the budget by 1947 made provisions for the revised salaries, as voted in the School Committee on December 11, 1946. This meant an actual increase of \$350 to bring our newly established maximums to:

\$2400 with less than 4 years preparation

\$2700 with the Bachelor's degree

\$3000 with the Master's degree

The Trade School teachers salaries were set at \$3200 to \$3400 depending on requirements of the State Department of Education.

We are one of the few school systems that are already enjoying the benefits of a "single salary schedule." It would perhaps have been a greater burden for our town to meet the present requirements of the so-called "equal pay" law (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 40, as amended).

In line with a nation-wide trend, due to the inexorable change in economic conditions, teachers everywhere have asked for an upward revision in the salary schedule. Southbridge must maintain a reasonable position, while taking into account its ability to meet the economic level to which professional people are entitled. The School Committee found it again reasonable to grant a temporary cost-of-living adjustment of \$200, subject to increase or decrease, according to the official cost-of-living index for the State of Massachusetts, and subject to further revision pending "State Aid" for education. This was voted by the School Committee on December 19, 1947.

With the readjustment of the teachers' economic status, the community must expect better service for better pay for all its employees. Higher salaries taken to bridge the gap between theory and practice, through refresher courses, cannot be maintained or improved unless they are justified by increased efficiency throughout the educational process. The necessary measures will be or new training, based on the needs of this generation.

MAINTENANCE

elaborate program of implementation and maintenance. Although the greatest The slight increase in "all other" expenses is obviously not conducive to an and textbooks, fuel and light, to mention only a few, it has been possible to

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Arthur H. Gaumond
Chairman, School Committee
Southbridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gaumond:

It is my happy privilege to submit herewith a second annual report, which becomes the sixty-third in the series of reports by the Superintendents of the Southbridge Public Schools.

That this past year has been an exacting and challenging one, is actually an understatement. Our bounden duty as executive officer of the School Committee is to carry out scrupulously those policies that the committee has found wise to formulate. Our avowed purpose has been to revise, reconstruct where necessary, and merge the several phases of administration in our school system into a purposeful unit.

Progress is gradual, not rapid, but something has definitely been accomplished. We may not have discovered in our time the perfect answer to all our problems, but these will continue to exact our strictest attention to the end that all faith and confidence in our administration shall be justified.

Each day in our schools the World of Today rests an adult hand lightly but meaningfully, on the small shoulder of the World of Tomorrow and points to the path of learning and good citizenship. Although this duty is discharged without fanfare by the public school system, the citizens of Southbridge have not lost sight of the fact that the public schools belong to all; they are the responsibility of each and everyone.

It is true that the public schools are only what the citizens of a community want and will provide. Our citizens have exemplified their deep interest in their schools by appropriating funds sufficient to meet the exacting demands of these inflationary times. Operational costs have soared to unreasonable heights, but our every request will remain within reasonable bounds. The taxpayer has unbegrudgingly met his obligations. His tax dollar is his investment in his community. Our every endeavor is pledged to the task of procuring the best dividends for this investment.

By concerted effort, these dividends from our common investment will serve to bolster our strength in our fight against the forces of evil at work in our present-day world. There is so much confusion at home and abroad. Could it be that our spiritual values are deteriorating. We are faced with a new set of cultural values. There is need of new and much broader concepts of education and human relations. We must view the present as a period in which everyone who is mentally fit must be alert, informed and aggressively active to insure our survival as a nation. We need more than ever the full functioning of our educational system, guided by an enlightened citizenry and conscientious educators. Our community will be justifiably proud to have afforded to its future citizens the best of every educational opportunity.

ENROLLMENT

The enrollment in the Public Schools on October 1, 1947 was 1788 as compared with 1853 on October 1, 1946.

The enrollment in the Elementary Schools on October 1, 1947 was 1091 as compared with 1077 on October 1, 1946.

The increased birthrate, as established by national statistics, began to show its effects only slightly in our school system. It was necessary to organize only one additional first grade, that at the Eastford Road School. An increase in enrollment has to be anticipated at all times. Records must be kept of the number of births in any one year in order to determine the number of children entering our school system six years hence. Records are also being developed to show the number of pupils entering the various schools, whether public or parochial.

The annual census is taken at the beginning of each school year of children of school age. This year the new census includes children of all pre-school ages, in order to help in planning what measures are necessary to meet the increased grade enrollment of a few years hence. It may be necessary to re-define the

districts served by each elementary school in order to take advantage of all available building space.

ATTENDANCE

Attention is directed to the report of the attendance officer. More and better cooperation is urged on the part of some parents in certain acute situations where records show a definite lack of understanding. It will always be sound administrative procedure to expect that parents will assume the responsibility of seeing to it that their children are in school, and on time, unless there are legitimate reasons for absence, such as illness or family emergency. The proper significance must always be attached to even the least number of days lost from school. Repeated absences are definitely detrimental to the pupil in so many ways.

CURRICULUM

The educational offerings throughout our school system have been intensified, rather than multiplied. The exigencies of the last few years have produced what seemed to be discrepancies in the grade levels that tend to disturb well-established and definite standards. Our first and most pressing problem was to fill the gaps, if they were found to exist. It meant attacking our problem in all the grades, one to twelve, from the remedial standpoint, of instituting a thorough REMEDIAL PROGRAM. Perhaps only to resume the teaching of phonics in the lower grades will procure a more solid foundation for our revised reading program. Remedial work is being intensified in all subjects. The introduction of the new PRIMARY CURRICULUM of the State Department of Education will serve to coordinate efforts in each level of each grade. The interest of all the teachers concerned in this phase of our work is highly commendable. This will assure first a greater degree of uniformity in each corresponding grade in all the elementary schools.

Aside of the remedial work being conducted in the High School, intense study has been given to the making of appropriate changes in program offering. Our purpose is to make each course terminal in itself, that is, to give each pupil a more definite preparation toward a more definite career. Just so, the COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE is terminal in itself in that it prepares to meet the entrance requirements of several types of colleges. The COMMERCIAL COURSE is terminal in that it prepares those pupils to enter gainful employ at the conclusion of the course. But in order to enhance the value of the commercial course, a plan for adding a "COOPERATIVE BUSINESS TRAINING" period is being worked out with representatives of local industry and commerce. This plan will provide practical training for commercial seniors in order that the work of these pupils may be measured under conditions of actual working responsibility.

Following a well defined trend in education it will become necessary to drop eventually the GENERAL COURSE, and replace it, for the boys, by some plan of "COOPERATIVE SHOP" training with the Trade School, while enlarging the PRACTICAL ARTS department for the girls. This offering will be entirely consistent with the needs of local industry. This training is necessary to discover the many latent technical aptitudes in an adequate number of pupils, and through our Guidance Program, to direct, without pressure whatsoever, those pupils according to their abilities and interests, to a more definite vocational choice.

By the same token, in order to determine in earlier grades the ability and inclinations of our boys, it will become necessary to reinstate the INDUSTRIAL ARTS program in grades seven and eight, thereby giving our pupils an earlier insight on the significance of the various occupations and help them answer more wisely life's calling.

A very vital contribution to the school system was the reinstatement of the MUSIC department at the beginning of this school year. There is being evoked much interest and enthusiasm and it is progressing very satisfactorily. There is a wide range of activity from the primary grades where the child is taught the correct use of his voice, as well as to hear and recognize tonal figures, on to the formation of glee clubs and classes in music appreciation in the High School. On the next occasion, our music supervisor should have a very interesting report to make.

undertake a modest program of needed repairs and maintenance. It is our "cleaning-up" campaign, where we have had to use soap and water instead of paint, but it is a step in the right direction. It will be the policy of the school department to pursue, however slowly, its program of repairs, redecorating and replacement of equipment as far as current prices will permit.

Our principal effort had to be centered around the MARCY STREET SCHOOL, where it became necessary not to delay longer to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Health and Public Safety. Two special articles in the Town Warrant permitted the following alterations and renovations:

Heating system (oil)
New toilets throughout
Fire alarm
New Lighting fixtures in classrooms
Time and bell system
Fire partitions on the first and second floors
Panic hardware on doors

Other State Department requirements compelled us to install "emergency lighting" in those buildings that are used during the evening. Along with the improvements at the West Street School grounds these are only the principal items that have exacted our attention during this past year. Our principal physical need continues to be the improvement in the maintenance of our school buildings and grounds, in order to facilitate every educational process.

This seems but a partial report considering the many things of importance that could be mentioned. But any report would be incomplete without a word of gratitude and commendation to those who, through their loyalty and co-operation, have helped toward the success of our every educational enterprise.

I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the townspeople for their faithful service, to you, Mr. Gaumond, and to all the members of the School Committee for your loyal support, full confidence and wise counsel throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM L. BOURGEOIS

Superintendent of Schools

STATISTICAL REPORT

Throughout this report, the year relative to attendance extends from September, 1946 to July, 1947. The year relative to expenditures extends from January 1, 1947 to January 1, 1948.

I.—SCHOOL HOUSES (Including Cole Trade High School)—1947

Number Houses—occupied	7	Unoccupied	0
Schoolrooms—occupied	84	Unoccupied	0

II.—TEACHERS (Including Cole Trade High School)

Number of male teachers	30*	**
Number of female teachers	59*	**

* Five full-time substitutes

** Two on leave of absence (one female; one male)

III.—PUPILS

Number of children in town October 1, as reported by the census enumerator:

Between the ages of 5 and 7	562
Between the ages of 7 and 14	1,595
Between the ages of 14 and 16	471

Total persons between ages of 5 and 16	2,628
Total enrollment PUBLIC SCHOOLS	1,946
from September to June	1,671
Number between 5 and 7	191
Number between 7 and 14	885
Number between 14 and 16	384
Number over 16 years of age	211

Average membership	1,595	1,565
Average daily attendance	1,490	1,498
Total enrollment NOTRE DAME		
from September to June	563	574
Number between 5 and 7	113	146
Number between 7 and 14	360	364
Number between 14 and 16	70	48
Number over 16 years of age	26	16
Average membership	545	552
Average daily attendance	93	533
Total enrollment STE. JEANNE D'ARC		
from September to June	336	343
Number between 5 and 7	74	27
Number between 7 and 14	242	241
Number between 14 and 16	20	21
Number over 16 years of age	—	1
Average membership	329	375
Average daily attendance	313	354
Total enrollment ST. MARY'S		
from September to June	221	222
Number between 5 and 7	32	22
Number between 7 and 14	144	157
Number between 14 and 16	25	23
Number over 16 years of age	20	20
Average membership	222	221
Average daily attendance	206	208
Total enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL		
from September to June	157	208
Number between 14 and 16	129	77
Number over 16 years of age	28	131
Average membership	88	145
Average daily attendance	78	134
Total enrollment COLE TRADE HIGH COOP. SCHOOL		
from September to June	129	102
Number over 16 years of age	129	102
Average membership	54	60
Average daily attendance	51	57

STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS

School Year Ending July 1, 1947

	Boys	Girls	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of Att.
M. E. Wells High School	233	309	542	540	493.20	515.70	95.75
Charlton St. Gr. VIII	8	16	24	24	21.84	22.43	97.34
Eastford Rd. Gr. VIII	9	12	21	23	22.3	22.79	97.64
Marcy St. Gr. VIII	14	10	24	24	23.22	23.86	97.35
West St. Gr. VIII	12	12	24	24	20.86	21.63	96.42
Charlton St. Gr. VII	8	18	26	25	24.40	24.98	97.8
Eastford Rd. Gr. VII	12	16	28	29	26.	26.96	96.45
Marcy St. Gr. VII	12	10	22	25	20.98	21.74	96.36
West St. Gr. VII	15	27	42	42	33.81	36.36	92.96
Charlton St. Gr. VI1	12	12	24	24	21.29	21.72	97.77
Charlton St. Gr. VI2	12	13	25	25	20.98	21.78	96.34
Eastford Rd. Gr. VI	16	10	26	28	25.97	26.98	96.26
Marcy St. Gr. VI	17	15	32	32	27.35	29.06	94.12
West St. Gr. VI	20	15	35	37	31.79	32.77	96.49
Charlton St. Gr. V1	8	13	21	23	20.94	21.73	96.13
Charlton St. Gr. V2	12	14	26	26	25.01	25.91	96.13

Eastford Rd. Gr. V	15	16	31	31	28.50	29.73	95.85
Marcy St. Gr. V	12	8	20	20	18.13	19.45	92.94
West St. Gr. V	14	10	24	27	24.45	25.47	95.61
Charlton St. Gr. IV	22	13	35	35	34.24	35.22	97.22
Eastford Rd. Gr. IV	8	10	18	18	16.32	16.98	96.13
Marcy St. Gr. IV	17	13	30	31	27.10	28.03	96.89
West St. Gr. IV ₁	14	13	27	31	23.47	24.65	95.23
West St. Gr. IV ₂	11	18	29	29	25.22	26.07	96.73
Charlton St. Gr. III ₁	15	13	28	28	26.57	27.37	97.11
Charlton St. Gr. III ₂	13	13	26	26	24.66	25.15	98.58
Eastford Rd. Gr. III	23	17	40	39	34.46	36.11	95.46
Marcy St. Gr. III	20	9	29	30	27.62	29.12	94.68
West St. Gr. III	17	16	33	33	30.98	32.06	97.23
Charlton St. Gr. II	21	18	39	41	38.44	39.37	96.04
Eastford Rd. Gr. II	16	21	37	37	33.11	36.10	91.67
Marcy St. Gr. II	15	12	27	28	25.45	26.77	95.08
River St. Gr. I & II	14	12	26	26	20.87	22.60	92.78
West St. Gr. II	22	15	37	38	32.79	34.63	94.67
Charlton St. Gr. I	15	11	26	26	23.96	24.96	96.01
Eastford Rr. Gr. I	14	20	34	34	30.53	32.43	93.84
Marcy St. Gr. I	19	11	30	30	26.36	28.29	93.14
West St. Gr. I	12	22	34	34	31.95	33.57	95.01
River St. Ungraded	7	12	19	20	15.47	16.84	92.34
River St. Manual Arts II	20	2	22	25	16.47	18.70	87.89

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1946—June 1947 (Girls)

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Tot.
I	19	40	6	4												69
II		19	40	7	3	1										70
III			19	30	11	5	3									68
IV				21	27	12	6	1								67
V					13	24	13	8	4							62
VI						12	35	9	8	1	1					66
VII							14	32	15	8	3					72
VIII								13	26	6	5					50
IX								2	20							75
X										33	17	3				77
XI										25	41	10	1			77
XII										1	24	42	10			77
Ungraded												1	23	43	4	73
Total	19	59	65	63	54	54	72	67	75	75	99	78	54	4	2	840

ENROLLMENT BY AGE AND GRADE

September 1946—June 1947 (Boys)

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Tot.
I	14	44	10		2											70
II		10	53	8	4	1										76
III			11	52	9	12	2	1								87
IV				9	26	20	13	3								71
V					8	26	16	7	3	2	1					63
VI						7	23	19	20	4	3	1				77
VII							6	23	9	8	2					48
VIII							1	12	22	8	1					44
IX									9	41	16	5				71
X									1	16	37	14	2			70
XI											18	26	9			53
XII												10	27	7	1	45
Ungraded					1	1		1	5	6	12	1				27
Total	14	54	74	69	50	67	61	66	69	85	90	57	38	7	1	802

CHANGE OF TEACHERS

Resigned or Leave of Absence	School
April, Resigned—Viola E. Sweeney	Charlton Street School
June, Resigned—Priscilla Drake	Mary E. Wells High School
June, Resigned—Gladys H. Cowan	Marcy Street School
September, Resigned—Helen Donnelly	Charlton Street School
September, Resigned—Kathleen Frantz	Eastford Road School
September, Resigned—Myron Sibley	Cole Trade High School
September, Leave of Absence—Joseph B. Hoyt	Director of Guidance
September, Leave of Absence—Alice W. Dion	West Street School
October, Resigned—John W. Lough	River Street School
Appointed	
January, Elsie	West Street School
January, Marjorie Campbell*	Eastford Road School
May, Barbara M. Bilsey	Charlton Street School
September, Kathryn F. Beauregard*	Mary E. Wells High School
September, Cecile P. LeClair*	Mary E. Wells High School
September, Dorothy Bartoli*	Mary E. Wells High School
September, Robert B. Phipps	Director of Guidance
September, Eleanor Van Etten	Music Supervisor
September, Irma Sherin	West Street School
September, Mary J. Winn	Eastford Road School
September, John T. Maloney	River Street School
September, George Kerivan	Cole Trade High School
September, Mario Pellegrini	Cole Trade High School
October, John W. Lough	River Street School
November, A. Freda Bisbee	River Street School
November, Frank J. Jordan	Charlton Street School

*Returned from leave of absence

CORPS OF TEACHERS—JANUARY 1, 1948

	1st Aptt.	Position	and	College Attended
William L. Bourgeois, A.B.				
	M.A. 1946	Suprintendent	Assumption College (a), Boston College Graduate School (b), Harvard (c), University of Paris, France (c), University of Connecticut (c)
Robert B. Phipps, A.B.				
	M. Ed. 1947	Director of Occupational Guidance and Placement	Clark University (a), Boston University (b) (c)
Marjorie Nichols, B.S. Ed.				
	M.A. 1943	Elementary School Supervisor		North Adams (a), Columbia (b) (c), Fitchburg T.C. (c)
Elsie A. Hofstra				
	1933	Secretary to Suprintendent		Becker's Business College

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

James M. Robertson, B.S.			
	M. Ed. 1937	Principal	Boston University (a) (b)

			Columbia (c)
			Hyannis T.C. (c)
			Extension Courses (c)
Bridie M. McSweeney,			
B.S. Ed.	1945	Grade 4	Willimantic T.C. (a)
Eva P. Salviuolo, B.S. Ed.	1934	Grade 1	Worcester T.C. (a)
Marie J. Saunders	1924	Mathematics in	
		Grades 6, 7, 8;	
		Art in Grades	
		6, 7, 8	Westchester T.C.
			Extension Courses

Florida G. Tarquinio,			
B.S. Ed.	1942	Grade 5	Worcester T.C. (a)
Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree			
(b) Master's Degree			
(c) Graduate Work			

EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Laurenda A. Boyer	1926	Principal, Reading, Music Appreciation	Boston University Worcester T.C. University Extension Courses
Corinne E. Beaudreau	1924	Grade 1	University Extension Courses
Barbara Bilsey, B.A.	1947	Grade 4	Boston University (a)
Patricia P. Callahan,			
B.S. Ed.	1939	Social Studies in Grades 6, 7, 8; Science in Grades 6 and 8	Westfield T.C. (a) University Extension (c)
Marjorie Campbell, B.S. Ed.	1933	English Literature and Remedial Reading in Grades 6, 7, 8; Art in Grades 6 and 7	Bridgewater T.C., (a) Simmons, Columbia, (c) Harvard (c) Boston University (c) Worcester T.C., University Extension Courses
Bertha Foley	1912	Grade 2	Worcester T.C., University Extension Courses
*Myrtle B. Jodrey	1944	Art and Science in Grade 7; Mathematics and Music in Grades 6, 7, 8	Fitchburg T.C. University Extension Courses
Julia C. Morrill	1914	Grade 3	St. Joseph's Normal, University Extension
Emily Roberts, B.S. Ed.	1944	Grade 4	Worcester T.C. (a) Hyannis T.C. (c) Clark (c), Univer- sity of N.H. (c)
Mary Winn	1947	Grade 1	Salem T.C. University Extension Courses

MARCY STREET SCHOOL

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Principal, Art, Music	St. Ann's Academy, Fitchburg T.C., Hyannis T.C., University Extension Courses
*Dorothy M. Brockway	1943	Grade 2	Framingham T.C., University Extension Courses
Mabel A. Chamberlin	1902	Grade 1	University Extension Courses
Elizabeth Curtis, A.B., B.S. Ed.	1944	Grade 1	Boston University (a), Salem T.C. (a), Harvard (c)
Camella Dintini, B.S. Ed.	1940	Grade 4	Worcester T.C. (a)
Ruth Huson	1945	Grade 3	Clark (c), Harvard (c)
			Maine State Normal School, Hyannis T.C., Boston University, Gor- ham T.C.
Mary F. Lynch, A.B.	1946	Science and Literature in Grades 6, 7, 8	Emmanuel College (a), Fitchburg T.C. (c) Providence T.C. (c)
Celestine C. Sweet	1932	Social Studies in Grades 6, 7, 8; English in Grade 7	College of Our Lady of the Elms, Hyannis T.C., Extension Courses, (B. U.)
Bertha L. Wallace	1922	Mathematics and English in Grades 6, 7, 8	Hyannis T.C. Boston University Extension

Notes—(a) Bachelor's De gree

(c) Graduate Work

* Full-time Substitute

RIVER STREET SCHOOL

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
*Clara M. Reed	1918	Acting Principal Special Classes.	Westfield T.C., Worcester Girls' Trade School, Uni- versity Extension Courses (B. U. and Harvard)
A. Freda Bisbee	1947	Grades 1 and 2	University Extension Courses Boston T.C.
John T. Maloney, A.B., M.A.	1947	Manual Arts I	Boston College (a) (b) Extension Courses (Spe- cial Class Work) B.C.

WEST STREET SCHOOL

R. Joseph Racine, A.B. M. Ed.	1944	Principal, Athletic Coach, Remedial Reading	Assumption College (a) Boston University (b) Springfield College (c)
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			Clark (c), Northeastern (c), Oxford University, England, (c) Harvard (c).
Eva A. Casavant, B.S., M.A.	1933	History, Art, Geography, Music in Grades 6, 7, 8	Worcester T.C. (a) Clark University (b)
M. Elsie Hachey	1947	Grade 4	Plymouth T.C. Keene T.C.
Everett H. Holmes, A.B.	1945	English Lit. in Grades 6, 7, 8; Spelling in Grades 6, 7, 8	Colby College (a), B.U. (c) Harvard (c)
*Cathryn Maxwell	1945	Grade 1	Lowell T.C.
Edith M. Randall	1920	Grade 2	University Extension Courses
Ruht W. Sampson	1939	Grade 5b	Westfield T.C., Univer- sity Extension (B.U.)

Notes— (a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work
* Full-time Substitute

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
*Dorothy M. Sheriffs	1945	Grade 3	Westfield T.C.
Irma M. Sherin	1947	Grade 5a	Framingham T.C., Hyannis T.C., Worcester T.C., Extension Courses
Elinor H. Small, A.B.	1945	Mathematics and Science in Grades 6, 7, 8	Brown University, State Extension Courses
Claire Birtz	1937	Art	Worcester School of Art, Boston University
Laura B. Desmarais	1922	Director of Continuation School	St. Ann's Academy. Fitch burg T.C.
Constance L'Ecuier, B.S.Ed. M.A.	1940	Director of Americanization	Fitchburg T.C. (a) Boston University (b) Boston Nursery School, Smith College Kin- dergarten, Worces- ter T.C., Columbia, Extension Courses (c)
Eleanor S. Van Etten, A.B. B. Music	1947	Music Supervisor	Barnard, Columbia, Wells (a)

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Frederick P. Alger	1947	West Street School
Philias Caron	1945	Marcy Street School
John B. Craite	1946	Cole Trade High School
Valmore Favreau	1947	Mary E. Wells High School
Armand Gaumond	1942	Mechanic Street (Cole Trade High School)
Theophile Leduc	1943	Charlton Street School
Rodolph L'Homme	1935	Mary E. Wells High School
Henry Masse	1942	River Street School
Joseph Moore	1941	Eastford Road School

Notes—*Full-time substitute (a) Bachelor's Degree
(c) Graduate Work (b) Master's Degree

			(c). Harvard (c). Mass. Extension Service (c)
Nora B. Adams	1947		Secretary to Principal Mary E. Wells High School
Pauline M. Aucoin, B.S.	1921		Commercial Treasurer of Student Activity Funds Boston University (a) (c)
Dorothy L. Bartoli, B.S. Ed.	1935		Engilsh, Speech, Modern History Worcester T.C. (a), Clark (c)
Kathryn Beauregard, A.B.	1922		French, Spanish, Jr. Red Cross Middlebury (a) (c), Boston University (c)
Rose Brodeur, B.S.	1939		Social Studies Boston University (a) (c), N.Y. University (c) Middlebury (c)
Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree (b) Master's Degree (c) Graduate Work		1st Appt.	
Constance Coderre, B.S.	1929		Position College Attended Commercial, Student Council. Simmons (a) Boston University (c) Columbia (c)
Hannah B. Cook, B.S. Ed. M. Ed.	1929		History Hyannis (a) Boston Univer- sity (b) Clark (c)
Louise B. Corbin	1924		Home Economics, Sr. Red ross Fitchburg T.C., Whea- ton, Simmons
Thecla Fitzgerald, A.B. M. Ed.	1926		English, Crimson and Gray Radcliffe (a) Boston Univer- sity (b)
C. Estelle Hefner, Ph. B.	1933		Latin Brown University (a) Boston University (c)
Persis F. Howe, B.S. Ed.	1930		Commercial Salem T.C. (a) Columbia (c) Clark (c)
Grace Keenan, B.S. Ed.	1942		English Worcester T.C. (a) Univer- sity of eVrmont (c) Colum- bia (c)
Barbara H. Kyrios, B.S. Ed.	1940		Home Economics Framingham T.C. (a) Fitchburg T.C. (c)
Lewis A. Kyrios, A.B. M.A.	1938		Biology, History, Coach Tufts, (a) (b) Boston Univer- sity (c)
Eino Laakso, A.B. M.A.	1945		Algebra, General Science Clark (a) (b) Boston University (c)
Cecile P. LeClair,	1936		English Worcester T.C. (a) Colum- bia (b) (c)
Harry J. McMahon, Ph. B. M. Ed.	1926		Chemistry, Physics, Cotch Holy Cross (a) Bos- ton University (b) Harvard (c)
Flora Tait, B.S. Ed. M.A.	1939		English Dramatic Club Framingham T.C. (a) Boston University (b) Cornell (c)
Norman G. Tardiff, S.S.	1942		Math., Coach Bates (a) B.U. (c)
Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree (b) Master's Degree			

(c) Graduate Work

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Liberty Themistocles, A.B.	1946	Social Studies	Emmanuel (a) Columbia (c)
Frances Troy, B.S. Ed.	1927	Commercial	Salem T.C. (a) Boston University (c)
Lindzay Varnam, B.S.	1943	General Science, Aeronautics, Algebra	Colby (a) Boston Univer- sity (c)
Elsie Wanerka, S.S. Ed.	1945	Commercial	Salem T.C. (a)

COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

Clark H. Morrell, B.S. Ed.	1931	Director	Fitchburg T.C. (a) Machinist (d)
Margaret R. Connolly	1922	Secretary to Director	N.E. School of Secretarial Science, Columbia, U. of Me.
Maureen Baybutt	1942	Clerk	St. Mary's High School Feener Business School, U. of Me.
Harold A. Andrews	1941	Painting and Decorating (d)	Worcester Boys Trade, Wentworth Institute, Fitchburg T.C.
John L. Benson	1942	Drafting (d)	Northeastern U., Fitch- burg T.C.
George H. Braman	1938	Mathematics and Trade Drawing (d)	Northeastern U. Fischburg T.C.
Francis E. Couture	1945	Electrical (d)	Worcester Boys' Trade, University Extension, W.P.I.
William Delaney, B.S. Ed. M. Ed.	1940	English	Boston University (a) Bos- ton T.C. (b) Boston Coll- ege (c)

Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work
(d) Eight years trade experi-
ence

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Walter J. Glondek	1938	Applied Science Drafting (d)	Cole Trade, Fitchburg T.C. Clark, Worcester Junior College
Leo Grenier	1936	Machine Work	(d). Cole Trade, Fitch- burg T.C. Univer- sity Extension
Ernest Hall	1926	Industrial Printing (d)	Southbridge High School
Nels H. Johnson	1937	Cooperative Machine Shop (d)	General Electric at Lynn, Fitchburg T.C., North- eastern
William A. Julien A.B.	1945	Mathematics, History, Economics	Manhattan College (a), Columbia (c) Boston

University (c)

George Kerivan, B.S. Ed. M. Ed.	1947	Coach, Physics Boston College (a) Boston University (b)
Emery A. Lavallee	1926	Guidance and Placement Fitchburg T.C. Southbridge Industrial M.E. Wells H.
William Nickerson	1941	General Vocational Cabinetmaking (d) Norwich Univer- sity Fitchburg, T.C.
William Paul	1942	General Vocational Wood Machine Lowell Inst. Fitchburg T.C.
Marjo Pellgrini	1947	Sheet Metal (d). Northeastern Univer- sity
Frank P. Skinyon, B.S. Ed.	1934	Cabinet Patternmaking (d) Fitchburg T.C. (a) Boston Univer- sity (c)
Lawrence Swenson	1932	Related Science and Mathematics. Wentworth Inst., Fitchburg T.C., Boston University, Machinist (d) Drafting (d)

- Notes—(a) Bachelor's Degree
(b) Master's Degree
(c) Graduate Work
(d) Eight years trade experi-
ence

CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL

	1st Appt.	Position	College Attended
Raoul O. Lataille, A.B. M. Ed.	1939	Principal, Coach	Assumption (a), Boston University (b)
Alma A. Abramson, B. Ed.	1945	Grade 3	Keene T.C. (a)
Dorothy E. Cargill, B.S. Ed.	1945	Grade 4	University of Vermont (a)
Irene V. Gough	1914	Social Studies in Grades 7, 8; Science in Grade ; Literature in Grades 7, 8; Music in Grades 6, 7, 8	Worcester Domestic Science, University Extension Courses
Charlotte M. Henderson, B.A. Ed.	1944	Grade 2	Keene T.C. (a)
Edith C. Howes, B.S. Ed.	1942	Grade 3	Hyannis T.C. (a)
Frank J. Jordan, B.S. Ed.	1947	Social Studies in Grade 6; Science in Grades 6, 7, 8	University of Georgia (a)
Constance L'Ecuyer, B.S. Ed. M.A.	1940	English in Grades 3., W.P.I., Draftsman (d) 6, 7, 8.	Fitchburg T.C. (a) Boston University (b) Boston Nursery School (c) Smith College (c) Worcester T.C. (c)

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL
MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, my eleventh annual report as Principal
In accordance with your request, my eleventh annual report as Principal
of the Mary E. Wells High School is hereby submitted.

The enrollment for the year 1947-48 is divided as follows: Seniors, 119; Juniors, 121; Sophomores, 121; Freshmen, 122; Veterans and Specials 18—a total of 501 pupils.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Diplomas are granted upon completion of three different courses; namely, Academic, and General.

One hundred and twenty-eight pupils were graduated on June 19, 1947, and their names and courses completed by them are included in this report for the information of interested citizens.

CLASS OF 1947—Academic

*Madeleine Rose Bourdelais
*Mary Agnes Breen
*Kathleen Anne Brousseau
*Barbara Jean Brown
*Florence Mary Brzys
*Regina Ann Burgess
*Lionel Joseph Clements
Albert Joseph Coderre
Richard Ernest Dalton
*Roger Alfred Dion
George Edward Egan
*John Robert Ferguson
*Beverly Jean Fox
Edmund Vincent Gillon
*Robert Edmund Graf
*Nancy Lois Hakala
*Natalie Hazelton
*Ruth Marie Hefner
*Jane Fullerton Howarth

*Nancy Ann Jodrey
*Edna Louise Joslin
*Robert William Langevin
*Claire Pauline Lanpher
*Richard Adrian Martin
Irene Barbara Mason
*Christo Vasil Metro
*Elizabeth Jane Migala
*Elinor Helene Oshry
*Lucille Juliette Proulx
Henry Walter Remian
*Constance Ernestine St. Onge
*Barbara Lucille Shippee
*John Lincoln Simonds
*Douglas Lang Steenburn
*Nancy Rae Taylor
*Rena Lyris Themistocles
*Ann Marie Tobia
*Roger Allen Woodbury

Commercial

*Adrien Ernest Archambeault
*Pauline Vivian Bail
*Louise Pauline Beaudry
Estelle Marie Beaulieu
*Rachel Claire Bonnette
*Adeline Yolanda Bozzo
*Bernice Clara Butler
*Alfreda Rose Carpick
Virginia Alice Chase
*General average of 80% or above for four years
Clara Antoinette Checka
Gerard Joseph Chenier
*Helen Sandra Costa
Vasiliki Costa
Doris Germaine Cournoyer
Genevieve Darzenkiewicz
Helen Marie Deyo
Irene Ann Fontana

Lucille Elaine Fournier
*Phyllis Margaret Freeman
*Aline Laura Guillemette
*Barbara Isabelle Hickox
*Betty Louise Howard
Myrtle Jane Joyce
*Vivian Gertrude Julien
*Achilleas Kollios
Doris Lucille Livernois

*Helen Lucy Matys
Isabella Ann Osimo
*Doris Aldrich Palmer
*Ruth Ann Romano
Mary Rossman
*Jean Frances Simonds
Theresa Marie Tetreault
*Joan Marie Zitka

General

*Charles Lionel Agard
Rita Louise Baglioni
**Charles Edward Benoit

Elizabeth Lemmelin
Helen Marie Letourneau
Norman Joseph Loiselle

Welton Henry Blair
 Beverly Gertrude Blanchard
 *Patricia Mary Boehm
 Harry Marvin Boissoneault
 Raymond Joseph Borus
 Leonard Arthur Brodeur
 George Armand Brousseau
 *Herbert Hartley Butterworth
 **Samuel David Chapin
 Richard Joseph Ciesla
 **George Merles Czyzewski
 **Armand Earl DeBlois
 Edward Donald Desrosier
 Dolores Irene DiFederico
 Armand Sylvio Durocher
 **Ronald Alfred Girard
 William Donald Goodwin
 Pauline Marie Louise Guilbault
 *Ellen Joan Hogan
 Priscilla gnn Kennedy
 Cecelia gnn Krehling
 John Pierre Laliberte
 Armand Henri Lapierre
 Constance Lorraine LaPierre
 Robert Henri Vallancourt
 *General average of 80% or above for four years
 **Veterans of World War II

*Robert Louis Lorange
 Robert Rudolph Lusignan
 **Ernest Malagrida
 **Leon Louis Manseau
 **George Kenneth Menard
 Antoinette Mitchell
 John Paul Moriarty
 Emile John Noga
 **John Calvin Palmer, Jr.
 Lucille Marie Parent
 Nickolas Kosta Perikli
 **Clement Emile Planeta
 Evelyn Barbara Polomski
 **Alfred Aime Renaud
 William George Rowett
 Pauline Theresa Roy
 **Walter George Salva
 Frederic Leonard GrantSibley
 Sophocles Sotir
 Sam Vangel Sotir
 Mary Ellen Suprenant
 Albert Henry Taylor, Jr.
 Shirley Lorraine Taylor
 **Roland Wilfred Tremblay
 Christine Louisa Walker

The courses at the Mary E. Wells High School have been undergoing changes during the past school year.

Most obvious of these changes is that of the commercial course, in which a cooperative program with manufacturers and merchants has been worked out. It is expected that this program will be put into actual working operation in the very near future.

As a result of the testing program a weakness has been discovered in the reading ability of ninth grade pupils. To try to improve this grave situation, smaaler classes have been scheduled in Freshman and Sophomore English. This was done upon the advice of a leading Teachers' College Professor who recommended this form in order to permit time for remedial work. It was felt that the creation of a special clinic for the slow readers would prove to be bad psycologically at such an advanced time in their school career. That the method adopted has justified itself was proven by the Iowa General Educational Development Tests in which the results showed highly gratifying improvement.

The same Iowa General Educational Development Tests indicated a weakness in mathematics. This is the problem the high school staff is now worki ng on.

It has been a source of gratification that veterans have returned to complete their education or to prepare themselves for institutions of higher learning. Mr. Lewis A. Kyrios, a member of the faculty and former Major in the United States Air Forces during World War II, has acted as Veteran's Guidance Counsellor. He has grasped the problems of this group well; and to make an undergraduate institution more pleasant to this group, he has secured for them a study and a smoking room of their own. The veterans are not forgotten in the social life of the school. At Christmas, the veterans arranged their own party, including a spaghetti and meatball dinner. I would like to call to your attention at this time the high quality of work being done by this group of veterans.

There are several recommendations that I would like to make at this time:

1. That a new six-year high school be erected. Such a procedure would eliminate the overhead of two central plants, in that one principal, one set

of janitors, and one faculty would take care of the education of the young people from the seventh grade through the twelfth grade. Such a system would help the adolescent child to make the transition from the lower grades into the upper grades and would allow department heads to correlate their work schedule in a more satisfactory manner. Many of our leading educators of today are pointing out the fact that the Junior High School system is responsible for too much of a break in the continuous school growth of the child, and are recommending strongly the six-year high school plan.

2. That machinery be installed in the basement of the high school so that an Industrial Arts Program may be set up to take care of a large number of General Course boys who need some specific technical training in addition to the academic work the Mary E. Wells High School provides.

3. That a library be started, and a teacher-librarian be appointed.

4. That lockers be installed to take care of pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.

5. That rooms be provided for sick pupils and larger nurse's quarters be installed.

6. That the Household Arts Department be renovated and modern equipment installed as soon as purchase of same is feasible.

7. That new seating equipment for the Assembly Hall be provided.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of the Mary E. Wells High School, and I extend my thanks to the School Department for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, PRINCIPAL

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request. I hereby submit my annual report. Owing to the fact that my temporary appointment began in September in the leave of absence of Mr. Hoyt, I shall necessarily restrict myself to the period since that time.

A large part of my time is spent in assisting students with their educational, vocational, and curricular choices. Early in the year, I had conferences with all seniors who are preparing for schools and colleges, and I have kept continually in touch with them as their plans progressed. Beginning this week, I shall have scheduled appointments with all other seniors who intend to enter their vocations directly after graduation. Before the end of the year, I shall have had conferences with every student in the high school. In addition to the scheduled interviews, the services of this office have been provided at all times to every student who felt the need for advice and counsel.

The testing program has included test in the five fields of intelligence, aptitude, achievement, interest, and personality. A measure of scholastic aptitude is secured for every student in the high school. Since seniors are in particular need for such objective data, an additional intelligence test has been administered to them. Freshmen and juniors received the annual battery of achievement test. Information regarding mechanical and clerical aptitude is obtained each spring in the seventh and eighth grades and is supplemented in the high school by special test whenever the need arises. Interest test are given to seniors and to special groups such as the classes in occupations. Inventories of personality are used with a great deal of discrimination in cases which call for this type of information. In all, a total of nearly 500 test have been administered since September, and this data has been of invaluable help in the work of counseling the students.

Another large segment of my time has been spent in securing jobs and placing approximately 60 students in part-time work. At present, 144 students are so engaged outside of their regular school hours. A total of 235

students have registered at the placement office.

During the past month, I have conducted a follow-up study of three former classes at the Mary E. Wells High School. survey has not only provided valuable information about former students but will be useful in planning needed curricular changes. These will soon be available for general inspection.

The latest project of the School Department in which the guidance office has had a particular interest is the new Cooperative Commercial program for senior commercial students. Since this plan will undoubtedly be more fully outlined in another report, I shall not go into greater detail. However, this office will play a large part in the functioning of that program by coordinating the various agencies involved.

The second semester will also see a new weekly class in occupational adjustment for juniors and seniors. By the suggestion of the Principal, this project to address the group on topics that meet the common needs of all the students.

I should like finally to meet special mention of the office of Dean of Girls under Mrs. LeClair which has greatly extended the services of the guidance office. Not only do the girls have a specially trained counselor available to them every day, but freshmen girls are now enjoying the benefits of a weekly orientation class.

As is evident, the guidance office comprises numerous duties that are directed toward individualizing the work of the school and helping the student to make the best possible adjustment to educational, vocational, and personal problems.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. PHIPPS, DIRECTOR

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my annual report for the school year 1946-47.

This year has been spent in steady accumulative achievement toward goals set for improving the teaching-learning situation.

THE TESTING PROGRAM, established over a year ago, has been carried on with additional testing of individual children. One hundred and eleven individual tests have been administered for various reasons, the principal ones being to determine the grade placement and the ability of the child.

More time has been devoted to formal OBSERVATION in the classrooms and a record kept of each observation, the length of time in each being determined by the grade level, the length of the class period, and the special need. One hundred and five such observations are on record. Briefer and informal visits have also been made. New teachers in our system are visited more frequently; conferences with each one follow as a consequence.

THE CONFERENCE TECHNIQUE, especially conferences with individuals, is one of the most fruitful methods of in-service supervision. Conferences with our Principals total ninety-two; with teachers, one hundred thirty-seven; with Superintendent, thirty; with others, seventy-three—a total of three hundred thirty-nine conferences, some of which were with groups.

On an average of once a week, a visit is made to each building. At times, when there is an immediate need, a building may be visited two or even three times in a week.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS have been largely meetings of certain grade levels, with emphasis on reading and on the new State Curriculum. Opportunity is thus given for discussion of mutual problems, to share ideas with one another, to ask questions and to receive inspiration. Seventeen teachers' meetings and seven group conferences have been held during the year.

More importance is being on REMEDIAL TEACHING especially in reading and arithmetic in the middle and upper grades. This is another and very important method of providing for individual differences. All super-

visory effort is the achievement of a better understanding of the child's needs, and the improvement of his learning. This is done mostly through the indirect method of working with principals, teachers, and children; sometimes it is directly through individual test, demonstration lessons, and entrance into the classroom situation.

The supervisory is no longer an "outsider" but is a co-worker and friendly member of the group, whether it be children, teachers, or administrators. To be one in purpose is the goal, to the end that our children may receive the best in educational opportunity, materials, instruction, and guidance.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MARJORIE H. NICHOLS, SUPERVISOR

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my annual report for your consideration and approval.

This has been a very active year, and much has been accomplished. The following statistics will reveal students' progress comparable to previous years. Admissions, however, in the General Vocational Department and the present number of cooperative students are low.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

In school at end of year (Dec. 1947)	50	143	193
Graduated	28	2	30
Certificated		2	2
Entering industry trained for		3	3
Entering other occupations	6	38	44
Entering armed service		2	2
Unfit for trade subjects		6	6
Returned to Grammar or High School		16	16
Left because of illness		3	3
Left town		1	1
Transferred to Coop. School		25	25
Transferred to Day School	2		2
Total membership for year 1947	86	241	327
Enrolled during year	31	85	116

GRADUATES

COOPERATIVE DIPLOMAS

CABINET COURSE

George Paul Arsenault

Marcel William Quevillon

Theodore Leo Ziemba

CARPENTRY COURSE

Edward Alfred Bergeron, Jr.

MACHINIST COURSE

Charles Pierce Culliton

Henry Richard Osowski

Louis John Carpick

Francis Joseph Prince

Paul Lucien Dumas

Eugene Theodore Ziemba

Roland Joseph Gagnon

SHEET METAL COURSE

Raymond Arthur Galipeau

Leo Roger Gauthier

ELECTRICAL

Albert Charles Mach

Donald James Reynolds

Albert Davis Vinton

DRAFTING

Leo Stanley Regis Jr.

FACTORY MAINTENANCE

Christy Skarani

William Gorham Wheaton

VOCATIONAL HIGH DIPLOMA

ELECTRICAL

Bernard John Horniak
TRADE HIGH DIPLOMA

PAINTING-DECORATING

Joseph Cleo Leduc

PRINTING

Eugene Louis Mathieu

Earl Edward Remie

MACHINIST

John Alfred Mikolajczak

Howard Anson Thompson

OPHTHALMIC PRESCRIPTION GRINDING

Emo John Cierl

EVENING SCHOOL PROGRAMS

An increased demand for adult training in evening school over the last several years was noticeable. The subjects taken were:

COURSES	INSTRUCTOR	NO. ENROLLED
Building Estimating	William A. Julien	16
Cabinetmaking I	Frank P. Skinyon	25
Cabinetmaking II	William C. Nickerson	19
Drafting	George H. Braman	20
Electrical	Francis Couture	20
Machine I	Leo J. Grenier	26
Machine II	William Paul	15
Applied Mathematics	Lawrence Swenson	19
Plumbing	Antonio Blanchet	13
Welding—Sheet Metal	Mario Pellegrini	18
Furniture Refinishing	Harold Andrews	14

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VETERANS TRAINING ACTIVITIES

UNDER G. I. BILL 346 and 16

TRADE TRAINING:

Seventy-five veterans are now enrolled in the three regular courses comprising twelve different trades. Fifteen graduated last June.

ON THE JOB TRAINING:

"On the job training" for veterans is supervised by Mr. Emery Lavallee. One hundred five business establishments conduct 140 vocational training objectives in this southern Worcester County area. Thirty-eight establishments completed training objectives. An average of three new establishments are approved weekly.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mr. Mario Pellegrini succeeded Mr. Myron Sibley as instructor of Sheet Metal.

Mr. George Kerivan was appointed instructor of Physics and Physical Education.

NEW TRAINING FACILITIES

PHYSICS

A physics laboratory was established to provide scientific understanding for students in the Vocational Technical Course and Drafting Course. It is also an accredited subject for entrance into schools of higher learning.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Physical Education program was started September 6, 1947. It is activated by intra-mural sports with all students taking part. The aim is to develop sound and well-balanced bodies capable of coordinating muscular exertions, stressing importance of personal hygiene, and creating good sportsmanship in organized competition.

SPORTS COACH

The instructor of this subject, Mr. Kerivan, is baseball and basketball.

NEW EQUIPMENT

We have received through the War Assets Administration, \$12,000 worth of equipment. This was received gratis, but at the cost of transportation. The outstanding items are: Heald Internal Grinder, Southwalk Hydraulic Press, Hammond Cutler Grinder, Leland-Gifford Rail Drill, Profile Grinder, Buffalo Sensitive Drill, 2 Comparators, 2 Portable Electric Generators, and 20 Transformers.

GUIDANCE ROOM:

A small room has been prepared by the Carpentry, Electrical, Paint and Sheet Metal Department for a Guidance Room.

SPECIAL CONFERENCES

Several meetings were held by the Cole Trade High Advisory Committee to discuss school policies, practices, and current problems.

The Cole Trade High Faculty met with the Alumni to discuss in what ways they can help the students of the school.

To the many people who have given of their time and shared their judgment in the promotion of vocational training programs conducted by this institution, I convey my sincere appreciation and thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARK H. MORRELL, DIRECTOR

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The purpose of our school health program is threefold. PROTECTION, GUIDANCE, AND EDUCATION in matters pertaining to the health of our pupils. It aims to prevent conditions that interfere with the pupil's health and retard his education, and seeks to obtain correction of such conditions already existent.

Therefore, for child of school age, the maintenance of good health and the attainment of physical fitness are objectives which must be sought cooperatively by the child's home, the community at large, and those agencies with whom the child spends any considerable portion of his time. During the school year, a child devotes nearly half his waking hours to the business of attending school. What our schools do to promote the good health of children during the hours they are in school should be important information for all homes, especially in these times.

Matters of health and physical fitness remain much in the news today. Too frequently, it has been and still is bad news—the high proportion of rejections by the armed forces not so long ago; great numbers of our American youth with correctible physical defects uncorrected; youths who cannot swim, when they have to swim. At home, we have reason to be apprehensive of keeping high the resistance of children to diseases for preventive measures. Parents should always remember that good health is the prime factor in education.

Since my last report, the school health programs has not undergone any spectacular or drastic changes. The ever-improving health standards in our schools continue to be maintained through the diligent cooperation and interest of all members of the School Personnel.

A brief summary of the nurse's work follows:

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Nine hundred twenty-seven pupils were examined. Two hundred fifty-nine defects were found and notices were mailed to parents. The nature of the defects found and reported for immediate attention or referred to physician or dentist, if not already under medical or dental supervision, were as follows:

Teeth	123
Throat	59
Feet	18
Nutrition	15
Skin	10
Scalps	12

Heart	9
Posture	5
Eyes	4
Ears	4

Three hundred twenty pupils' health cards were marked as Observation Cases—not referred for medical supervision at present.. Of these, 100 were for oral hygiene, nutrition, skin, and scalps. One hundred sixteen were for defective feet, and 72 were for poor posture. These pupils were made aware of their defects on examination and advised accordingly.

One objective to keep in mind, and for which to work, as suggested in last year's report, was the need of a trained physical education director who could devote one day a week in each school. Certainly the figures on defective feet and poor posture speak for themselves. Corrective posture measures and individual remedial work in the elementary grades would certainly prove very valuable in later life.

Beginning with the examinaiont, efforts are made ot see that all children in need of medical or dental attention have professional attention. In the case of needy children, defects were taken care of by some of our local agencies and clubs.

The nurse made 198 visits to schools. She assisted at 60 physical examinations sessions. She had 209 individual conferences with children. She had 17 conferences with parents in school in addition to the 58 home visits she made in reference to school health problems during the year. Vision of 358 pupils was tested. Hearing of 197 pupils was tested. First aid was rendered to 109 pupils. Two hundred fifty-four pupils received dental care at the Town Hall. Three high school boys were referred for x-ray at the chest clinic at the Town Hall.

CONFERENCES

Superintendent	11
Superintendent and School Physician	3
Principals	52
Teachers	37
School Physicians	22
Supervisor of Elementary Schools	10
Guidance Director	8
Athletic Coaches	5
Truant Officer	9
Board of Health Nurse	40
Social Worker	15
Board of Public Welfare	7
Clergymen	9
Commissioner of Health—Boston	3
Commissioner of Health—Worcester	2
State Orthopedic Supervisor	7
Other Agencies and Clubs	17

CLINICS

The nurse assisted the Board of Health Nurse with the following clinics during the year:

- 1 mobile "Diphtheria Booster Shot" clinic
- 4 regular Diphtheria Toxoid clinics for pre-school and school children
- 2 Pre-school registration clinics
- 2 Pre-school physical and dental examination clinics
- 10 Chest consultation clinics

The sale of Tuberculosis Christmas seals again made it possible for South-bridge to send 5 girls to the Sterling Health Camp for a period of 8 weeks during the summer. Needless to say, all 5 girls profited greatly by this privilege.

Members of the Lions' Club again came forward with their most generous donation of \$1,000 to provide daily milk for our needy children. A

mere "thank you seems very inadequate for such a noble gesture.

Clothes were furnished 18 needy families during the year through the nurse's office. I would like to thank anyone who donated clothes and made it possible for us to distribute them where most needed.

During the year, further education of the nurse consisted of attendance at meetings and lectures. At present, the nurse is attending a series of 10 group discussions in Worcester in reference to current problems existing in the school health programs in surrounding towns and plans for future work in organizing School Health Councils.

In conclusion, I wish to state that the school cannot carry on a successful health program by itself. It requires the planning, cooperative support, and action of the entire community—home, school, and community must be coordinated. The school, however, has a definite responsibility in guiding pupils in the development of desirable health practices. This responsibility is shared by school authorities, health authorities, doctors, teachers, nurses, parents, and children all working in harmony with our School Medical Department as a part of the school health guidance program.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA C. PINSONNEAULT

School Nurse

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The conditions under which many of the children who come to our schools live these days are entirely different from those of the pre-war period. We still find, however, as we did during the war years, that in many cases both the mother and father go to work early and stay at their jobs late while some older child helps the younger one, or a kind neighbor obligingly looks after the children next door. The school is about the only place the child can call home.

Even in cases where the child supposedly is guided by both father and mother, it is pertinent at times for the attendance officer to make a home visit to get better-acquainted with the parents and with the home conditions. Very often a home visit is urgent to check on the school behavior and the frequent absences of an "unsupervised" child. These home visits frequently result in school misapprehensions being set right and confidence in school being restored. Some parents are grateful for corrections of misapprehensions or for information regarding reports they have not understood clearly.

But what of other parents? Herein lies one of the major problems of the home visit. The parents whose children have the greatest need for help are usually those who are the most frustrated and helpless. The great majority of parents have little or no concept of the values of applied psychology and mental hygiene practices. Many parents, moreover, lack the background required to take and follow recommendations made during a home visit; others are simply unwilling to accept them. Further, parents who have normal children may fail to support the program of a home visit because they feel it to be entirely unnecessary in their case.

These are some of the problems with which the attendance officer is confronted during his home visits. There are many more. There is, for example, the parent of low and moderate income who has permitted his adolescent boy or girl to work long hours after school to pay for the clothes and small luxuries that seem so necessary to High School youngsters. Thus the child is often deprived not only of the essential recreation but also of the full use of his or her educational opportunities.

There is, again, the non-English speaking parent who finds it difficult to deal with his child's school problems and has trouble in securing the proper help. I only wish that these parents would come to the school for a friendly "chat" with the principal or the teacher. A pupil interpreter can be obtained to help the parent. Why should a child's welfare suffer because a parent does

not speak English when there is a way to help the child.

I believe a great many of these problems could very easily be straightened out if more parents were more sympathetic toward, and more understanding of the attendance officer's suggestions and recommendations; IF MORE PARENTS WOULD NOT BE INSULTED BY HOME VISITS FROM THE ATTENDANCE SUPERVISOR. A visit by the parent to the school would also help a great deal to establish more harmonious relationships between the home and the school.

The following report gives an account of the work done during the past year:

Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7	562
Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	1,595
Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16	471
Number of pupils investigated for absences due to illness, truancy, lack of clothing, contagious diseases, and other reasons	492
Cases investigated for home permits	38
Cases of persistent tardiness	49
Cases of children working unlawfully	42
Follow-up and friendly visits	63
Number of children assisted with shoes and clothing	7
Number of children adjusted to their school work	53
Number of employment certificates 16-21 literate	513
Number of employment certificates 16-21 illiterate	20
Number of employment certificates 14-16 limited	59
Home Permits	12
Newsboy's badges and Street Trades	5

Respectfully submitted

RAOUL O. LATAILLE

Attendance Officer

REPORT OF THE VISUAL AIDS DEPARTMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This is a report of activity in the Visual Aids Department from January 1 to December 31, 1947.

In this period, the facilities of this department have been used by teachers in the various town schools and also by local civic institutions and organizations with the approbation of the school authority.

As a result of the defective mechanical condition of our sound projectors, extensive use of this type of visual aid was limited. Steps have been taken to replace this worn equipment by modern, up-to-date projectors.

The reservoir of free films available to schools is of great magnitude. These films furnished by the leaders in all phases of our economic life have tremendous teaching value.

With this new equipment, we do expect much wider use of sound films in the ensuing year.

Materials were distributed to the local schools as follows:

MARY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

Motion Pictures	8
Exhibits	6
Film Strips	41
Slides (Sets)	12

RIVER STREET SCHOOL

Film Strips	62
Metronoscope Rolls	5

WEST STREET SCHOOL

Film Strips	44
Slides (Sets)	8
Pictures (Sets)	8

Exhibits	5
MARCY STREET SCHOOL	
Film Strips	33
Pictures (Sets)	9
Exhibits	3
CHARLTON STREET SCHOOL	
Film Strips	75
Slides (Sets)	14
Pictures (Sets)	12
Exhibits (Sets)	8
EASTFORD ROAD SCHOOL	
Film Strips	44
Slides (Sets)	12
Pictures (Sets)	15
COLE TRADE HIGH SCHOOL	
Motion Pictures	18
Film Strips	22
TOTALS:	
Motion Pictures	26
Film Strips	321
Metronoscope Rolls	5
Exhibits	22
Slides (Sets)	46
Pictures (Sets)	43

Along with this activity during the school year, Mr. Raoul Lataille, Director of Playgrounds, presented weekly motion picture shows to the children of the town during the summer vacation as part of that activity. The facilities of this department were used to present these shows. Approximately 800 children a week attended these performances.

In closing, I am willing and ready at all times to offer the facilities of this department to all activities of civic importance.

Respectfully submitted

WILLIAM V. DELANEY, Director

REPORT OF CONTINUATION SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

For the school year closing June 20, 1947, there was in the Continuation School a total enrollment of thirteen girls whose time in this school varied from three weeks to the full forty weeks. All but three of these girls became sixteen years of age before the re-opening of school in the fall.

Classes met on Wednesdays from one o'clock to five in the afternoon. The first two hours were devoted to academic subjects, and the second two hours were given to Household Arts

Miss Louise Corbin had charge of classes in foods and clothing. Girls were taught simple sewing and the making of plain garments as well as remaking and freshening of worn clothing. In foods classes, they were taught elementary cooking, and the preparation and serving of breakfast and luncheon dishes.

Indeed the Household Arts Courses seem to hold the greatest interest for the girls. They can see the immediate and practical use of work in this field of learning.

The work in academic subjects covers a broad range—from grade six to grade nine—in English, arithmetic, civics or history, and health. In English, our aim has been to help the girl improve in oral and written self-expression in letter writing, while drills and exercises help her to remedy faulty language. The building of a large vocabulary is very important.

Arithmetic is planned for efficiency in simple calculation to meet everyday needs.

Guidance in the selection of magazines and books for leisure reading may

prove of lasting value for both information and pleasure to be derived. Surely it is an inexpensive and worthwhile pastime.

These girls have so little time in which to gather up the last bits of schooling to which they will be exposed that we must make our teaching "to the point" and of immediate use to them.

Respectfully submitted

LAURA B. DESMARAIS, Director

REPORT OF SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In accordance with your request, the following complete report on the activities of the 1947 summer playgrounds is hereby submitted:

The Southbridge summer playground season opened on July 7 at Charlton Street, Eastford Road, River Street, and West Street schools. The season extended until August 15, a period of six weeks. These four playgrounds were open to all the community children from the parochial schools as well as the public schools. Every day, during that six-week period, from 9 to 11.30 A. M. and from 1 to 3.30 p. m. the playgrounds were in operation. The playground sites were the same as in the past years because of their convenient location, making them easily accessible to all children from all sections of town.

PERSONNEL:

General

Director: Raoul O. Lataille

Supervisor, in charge of physical education: Lewis Kyrios

Payroll: Miss Elsie A. Hofstra, Secretary to Superintendent of Schools.

Charlton Street Playground

Supervisor: Mrs. Charlotte Henderson

Senior Assistant: Miss Kathleen Frantz

Junior Assistants: Miss Helen Boucher, George Perikli

Eastford Road Playground

Supervisor: William Nickerson

Senior Assistant: Mrs. Cathryn Maxwell

Junior Assistants: Miss Beverly Kezar, Miss Nancy Deignan

River Street Playground

Supervisor: Mrs. Clara Reed

Senior Assistant: Miss Dorothy Cargill

Junior Assistants: Miss Sophie Thomas, Jean Paul Casaubon

West Street Playground

Supervisor: Mrs. Celestine Sweet

Junior Assistants: Miss Betty Lou Hart, Miss Claire LaForce,

Philius Caron, Jr.

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE:

This year's total enrollment of 1399 again surpassed last year's record enrollment of 1,327 by 72 children. We attribute the increase in enrollment to the fact that we continue to add, each year, some apparatus, equipment, or craft material that is very appealing to the youngsters. The daily attendance did not fluctuate as much as in the past. It remained more constant.

Total playground enrollment

1,399

Average daily attendance

582

Average percentage of attendance

41.6

Largest daily attendance

769

PUBLIC INTEREST:

The parents of our playground children showed an increasing interest over the previous year. Over 200 parents visited the playgrounds on a very successful Open House Parents' Night. In addition, many parents visited the playgrounds during the regular season.

Crafts on display were examined with keen interest, and many parents

asked questions, advice, and instructions on some crafts to their liking.

The local and county newspapers contributed immensely to our banner year by featuring articles and by taking pictures of various interesting playground scenes. Our local newspaper gave us a column each day "On the Playgrounds" which described all playground events and also gave an account of coming events. The interest in this column reached a new high with the children who always looked forward to seeing their names in the papers and to knowing the important coming events.

MEETINGS:

Every Monday morning at 8 o'clock, the five supervisors met with the director of the playgrounds to discuss problems, to visualize plans for the remainder of the season, to outline various contemplated activities, and to secure materials for the proper completion of arts and crafts.

Following this meeting, each supervisor met with his or her staff to relay the important details of the supervisors' meeting and to discuss their own personal problems.

A final annual picnic and staff meeting was held at Howe Pond in Spencer.

ACCIDENTS:

I am indeed happy to report again this year the absence of any accident at any one of the four playing areas. The credit for this fine record, considering the large number of children attending the playground, is a tribute to the staff for its incessant efforts in maintaining order and supervision.

DAILY PROGRAM:

Except for the regularly scheduled intra- and inter-playground games, the daily program was always planned according to the group present.

The taking of attendance was always the first step of every morning and afternoon session.

The inspection of apparatus and grounds, the posting and making of announcements were always done at the beginning of each session.

Various activity games, group games, quite games, story telling and arts crafts formed the largest part of the day's program.

RAINY DAY PROGRAM:

Rain or shine, the playgrounds were always open, two sessions each day, for the five-day period. The gymnasium at each school was available for play on stormy days.

The rainy day programs at each playground were somewhat varied but included the following activities:

Feature movies	Quite indoor games
Arts and crafts	More active indoor games
Group singing	Story telling
Folk dancing	Special playground programs

PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES:

Intra playground sports enjoyed last summer both by boys and girls included: basketball, touch football, zelball, paddle tennis, handball, table tennis, croquet, badminton, horseshoes, and many others.

Inter-playground competition took place in the following sports: Boys: baseball, softball, table tennis, horseshoes, and quoits. GIRLS badminton, croquet, volleyball, and dodge ball.

An addition to our competitive program was a schedule of inter-playground midget boys' contest in softball and also a weekly game with the YM-CA Day Camp team.

Other daily activities consisting of use of apparatus included: baby swings, slides, high swings, jungle gyms, and parallel bars. The high swings purchased two years ago were received and installed at each playground. This addition of apparatus was received with enthusiasm by the children, so much so that these swings were in constant use. New slides at Charlton Street playgrounds were also purchased and were also in constant use. Replacement slide chutes for West Street and Eastford Road playgrounds were still not available. This project is anticipated for this coming year.

The addition of a new "zelball" game proved to be a heavy favorite with the youngsters who sweated and paddled all day long on the tiny tennis ball.

All playgrounds had sand-boxes and various crafts for the younger children including block games, jig-saw puzzles, colored crayons with already outlined pictures to color, Activity groups, dancing and singing games were always very popular with the young ones.

PLAYGROUND CHAMPIONS

The Charlton Street boys took the playground championship banner away from the West Street playground but only after a real struggle.

The playground champion was again determined by a point system and the largest number of points garnered by each playground during the season served to decide the winner of the "Southbridge Playground Champions" banner. Points 5-3-1 for first, second, and third places, respectively, for baseball, softball, etc. and each event of the Field Day which took place during the final week of playgrounds added to the points won at the swimming meet served to determine the winner of the banner.

The total number of points garnered by each playground during the summer follows:

West Street.....	238	Eastford Road.....	30
River Street.....	131	Charlton Street.....	245

ARTS AND CRAFTS:

The Arts and Crafts program at Summer playgrounds showed better results than ever in the past. A large number of articles and a large number of different articles made by a correspondingly larger number of children were made.

A very extensive craft program including bead, leather and felt craft, sewing, embroidery, basketry, crafts with yarn and silk, and numerous other crafts was planned.

All the crafts made at the playgrounds this summer were exhibited August 13 and 14 in a downtown store, and were returned to their rightful owners on the last playground day at 9 A. M.

Emphasis is placed on crafts for many reasons: First it teaches children to make things with their own hands; second, it teaches them to make useful things; third, it gives them the assurance that they can do something useful; fourth, it keeps them out of mischief, because they are busy; fifth, it teaches them the proper ways and methods of handwork; sixth, it teaches them proper and adequate hand-control and steadiness.

Craft activities were so planned and craft materials were so elected that each age group from three years of age to seventeen years of age was kept busy with some little article to do.

The following tabulation gives an account of the craftwork done by the playground children this summer: There were 63 different craft projects for a total of 2,109 articles made during the first five weeks of the season compared to 38 different craft projects for a total of 1,929 articles made during the same period last year. The articles made were divided in the following way:

Pricked sewing cards	698	Pin cushions	7
Potholders	220	Crocheted hats	7
Colored pictures	219	Leather wallets	7
Wooden bead necklaces	131	Felt girl's belt	7
Leather belts	128	Stuffed animals	7
Large button cards	72	Plastic place mats	6
Waffle mats	62	Stenciled pictures	6
Wooden bead bracelets	56	Leather suspenders	5
Shoe button bead necklaces	33	Corde bags	5
Felt drawstring pouch bags	33	Yarn pouches	5
Dish towels (embroidered)	33	Plant pot mats	5
Doll hats	31	Crocheted hair bands	4
Baskets	28	Corde hats	3
Indian bead necklaces	27	Leather head bands	3
Stenciled articles	22	Knitted belts	3
Clay models	18	Curtain pulls	2
Coasters	18	Bean bags	2
Shoe button bead bracelets	17	Felt hair bands	2
Plastic bracelets	17	Crocheted belts	2

Etched articles	15	Chairback set (embroidered)	2
Dutch felt hats	14	Yarn dolls	2
Painted glasses	14	Leather bracelet	1
Beanie hats	13	Knitted	1
Indian bead bracelets	13	Luncheon set (embroidered)	1
Shoe lace cards	11	Knitted mittens	1
Mexican wooden belts	10	Kerchiefs	1
Mackle bags	10	Metal bracelet	1
Scarfs (embroidered)	9	Felt pocketbook	1
Felt baby mittens	8	Tea pot holder	1
Scottie hats	8	Felt needle book	1
Vanity sets (embroidered)	11	Felt moccasins	8
		Total articles	2,109

WATER DAY:

Over 400 children took part in the fourth annual water day held at the municipal pool on July 29. A large group of children competed in the twenty-three different events listed for the four different age groups for boys and girls. Swimming events started at 10 A. M. and three lifeguards were on duty to insure the safety of the children.

The results of the meet were as follows:

West Street	122	Charlton Street	27
River Street	52	Eastford Road	6

After a picnic, competitive inter-playground games were held for boys and girls in horseshoes, badminton, croquet, volleyball and dodge-ball before the children were allowed to go back to the water.

TRACK MEET:

The playground children enjoyed a beautiful warm day for the fifth annual Field Day held at Wellsworth Field on August 12. The track meet started at 9:30 A. M. and ended at 3 P. M. About 400 children took part and vied for honors in the series of forty track events and feature contest listed for boys, and girls.

The director, supervisors, and assistants at the playgrounds acted as judges, measurers, and starters at each event. The blue, red, and yellow ribbons awarded each year for first, second, and third placers in each event were given to the children the following morning at each playground. The results of the meet were as follows:

Through the graciousness of the Southbridge Rotary Club, a gift of \$50 was awarded to the playgrounds for additional prizes. This amount was to be divided equally (12:50) among the four different age groups. The awards were to be given to the three contestants in each group garnering the largest number of points for themselves on the basis of 5-3-1 points for, second; and third places respectively. The winners were not allowed to receive the cash money but had the privilege of purchasing whatever they wanted at a store of their choice. Foresight on their part prompted them to purchase clothes and school supplies because of the approaching opening of school.

This gift of \$50 was given in future anticipation of a Junior Olympics Day planned by the Rotary Club in cooperation with the summer playground program.

Many thanks again to the members of the Rotary Club.

MUSIC PROGRAM:

Instead of a music supervisor traveling from playground to playground, one of the assistants at each playground was in charge of the music program. The older boys and girls were taught old-fashioned country dances and songs to go with dances. All children enjoyed group singing of cowboy songs and other outdoor and patriotic songs.

An Amateur Show, the culminating point of our parents' "Open House" night, was held at each playground. The parents present acted as judges and selected the three best acts. Prizes were awarded these winners. The "Town-wide Amateur Show" comprising the three winners from each playground was held at Eastford Road playground, August 11 at 2 P. M. and the three grand-prize winners were selected and awarded prizes.

May I personally state my appreciation to everyone who has assisted me directly or indirectly in making the the 1947 playground season a banner season from every angle. In playground work, as well as in any other line, the head person gets all the credit for the work done by the subordinates, I would like to say, before I complete this report, that without the help of the supervisors and assistants at each playground, none of the plans formulated would ever be possible.

Respectfully submitted

RAOUL O. LATAILLE, DIRECTOR

REPORT OF ADULT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This year, the Adult Education Division of the School Department has been able to broaden greatly its scope of activities and courses through and with the cooperation of the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Naturally, a need must be expressed before any course can be organized and interest must also be shown by continued attendance. This, I believe all real needs have been met and satisfied.

To those wishing to continue or perfect themselves in any phase of high school work, courses were offered and, in every instance, local teachers took charge of the group except when more teachers of a subject were needed than were available locally.

It was interesting to note the great interest evinced in the cooking classes by a great number of new brides or about-to-be brides; also in the sewing classes where present day economic conditions brought mothers of several children to school nights to conquer the "High Cost of Living."

A course for veterans only was opened to give a general review of mathematics to those wishing to continue or further their college education.

Over at the Trade School where one may improve or develop hand skills or crafts, one found a real workshop. Here, all trades could be learned or improved by attendance in the Evening School. The teachers were found adequate, and local industry cooperated in one instance with a skilled tradesman when the course, not being offered days, had no teacher available. Everything from estimating the cost of a home to building it, and refinishing the furniture was offered. In this way, I believe the Southbridge School Department has carried out the wishes of the State Department of Education in offering courses which answered the needs and interests of the local residents.

One must also remember the community's obligation to all non-citizens. For its own good, the town must help them overcome their language difficulty in as short a time as possible. This helps them become of value to an employer and the sooner this is done, the sooner they become self-supporting and, thereby, become an asset rather than a liability.

At the beginning of this year, classes were held Saturday mornings in the American Optical plant for men who worked nights. Finding the students very eager and anxious to learn at a more rapid rate, late afternoon classes were begun at the High School.

Men and women in attendance at the evening English classes include a great number of Repatriates who are American citizens but who had returned to their parents' native country at an early age. These people were able to return immediately after the war because of their citizenship by birth, yet knowing nothing of the language. They are very anxious to be American citizens in the full sense of the word.

The class in American Citizenship is attended by those desiring to become citizens because of long residence here, or because they have married local citizens. This class deals mainly with American History and Government.

Still trying to answer community needs, a Civil Service class for men desiring to take the examinations for the local police force was organized, for, with adequate preparation, half the battle is won.

We hope and really feel that the interests of Southbridge have been met, and to continue to do so is our honest endeavor .

Respectfully submitted

CONSTANCE M. L'ECUYER, Director

REPORT OF UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND EVENING VOCATIONAL CLASSES — MARRY E. WELLS HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This school year marked the re-establishment of University Extension and Evening Vocational classes after a lapse of two years. The following classes were started with full enrollments in September:

1. Elementary Typewriting
2. Advanced Typewriting
3. Elementary Stenography
4. Painting and sketching
5. Business English
6. Mathematics—for veterans only
7. Five classes of Sewing and Dressmaking
8. Cooking

These classes were conducted under the supervision of the State Department of Education and were instructed by accredited teachers.

The demand was particularly heavy in dressmaking when five classes were formed necessitating instruction each school night of the week.

Other classes will be started when the demand for them is sufficient to form such classes.

Respectfully submitted

JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Principal



THIRTY-SECOND REPORT

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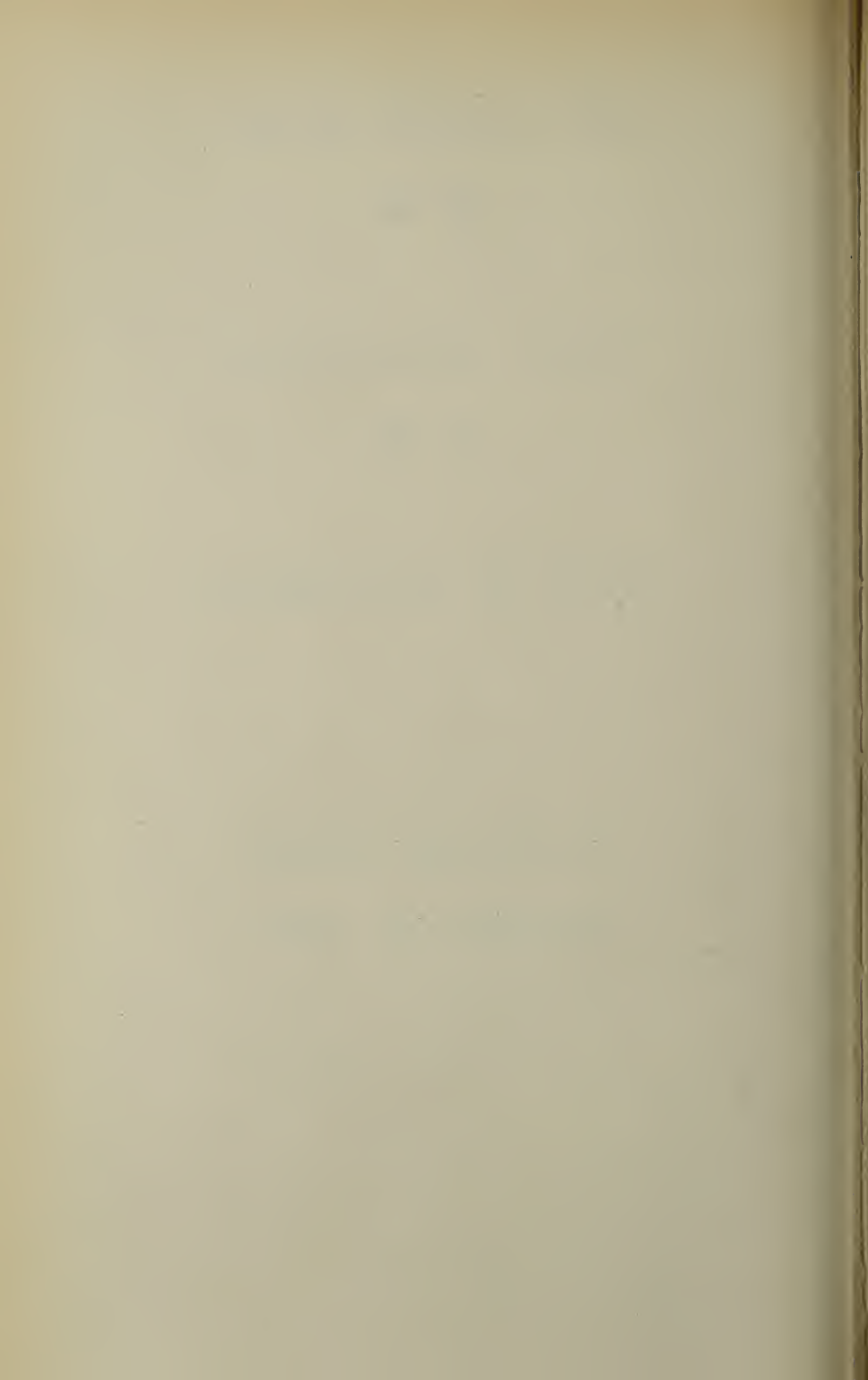
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TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

For the year ending

December 31, 1947



RECEIPTS 1947

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	8,240.00
Personal	121,037.83
Real Estate	594,316.67
Motor Vehicle Excise	29,696.27

753,290.77

Previous Years:

Poll	8.00
Personal	1,239.51
Real Estate	23,463.44
Motor Vehicle Excise	855.80
Motor Vehicle Excise	

853.80

25,564.75

From State:

Income Tax	69,222.92
Business—Corporation Tax	68,533.65

137,756.57

Licenses and Permits:

Licenses:

Liquor	14,219.00
Peddlers, Hawkers and Junk	143.50
Sunday Store	144.00
Common Victualers and Innholders	171.00
Pool, Billiard and Bowling	95.00
Common Victualers and Innholders	171.00
Pasteurizing, Milk and Oleomargarine	136.00
Auto Dealers	60.00
Auctioneers	14.00
Taxis and Drivers	226.00
Firearms	70.50
All Others	129.50

15,408.50

Permits:

Garage	58.00
Gas and Motor Oil	16.50
Kerosene and Fuel Oil	—
All Others (Circus Permit)	—

74.50

Fines and Forfeits:

Court Fines

962.00

Grants and Gifts—State

Vocational and American Education and	
English Speaking Classes	27,484.32
George Barden School Fund	432.00
George Deen School Fund	399.00
Smith Hughes School Fund	4,843.04
Highway Distribution Fund	13,142.38
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax	3,519.46
State Boxing Commission	90.63

49,910.83

1,791.23

County—Dog Licenses

Highway Aid:

State and County—Chapter 90:

Contract No. 9717—1946	1,798.78
Contract No. 10120—1946	8,295.45
Contract No. 10121—1946	5,337.13

15,431.36

Federal—Grants and Gifts

Aid to Dependent Children	5,523.85
Old Age Assistance	58,362.38

63,886.23

10,613.12

Federal Housing Projects in lieu of Taxes

All Other General Revenue:

Tax Demands	103.95
Redemption of Deed	6.00
Tax Title Redeemed	658.74
Tax Title Sales	10.00
Sale of Lands — Low Value	99.94

878.63

Total General Revenue

1,075,568.49

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Departmental:

General Government:

Selectmen	3.00
Engineer	20.00
Town Hall Rental	1,016.75

1,039.75

Total General Government

1,039.75

Protection of Persons and Property

Police:

Station Rental	1,250.00
Sale of Automobile	780.00
Telephone Toll Calls	8.65

2,038.65

Fire:

Sale of Old Materials	132.25
No. 2 Station Hall Rental	60.00
All Others	32.75

225.00

Sealer of Weights & Measures:

Sealing Fees of 1946	100.80
Ambulance Fees	1,499.30

Total Protection of Persons and Property

3,863.75

Health & Sanitation:

Contagious Diseases	—
Tuberculosis	965.72
All Others	—

Sewer Department

Total Health & Sanitation

965.72

Highways:

Rental of Equipment	2390.93
Re-surfacing of Streets	143.21
Snow Removal & Driveway Oiling	26.23

Sale of Materials	96.36		
		2,656.73	
Total Highways			2,656.73
Public Welfare & Veterans Benefits:			
Benefits:			
Temporary Aid—Reimbursements:			
From Cities and Towns	183.65		
From State	7,188.89		
From Individuals	345.00		
		7,717.54	
Aid to Dependent Children:			
Reimbursements			
From State		6,513.81	
Old Age Assistance:			
Reimbursements			
From State		46,028.46	
From Cities and Towns			
Infirmary:			
Reimbursements		10.00	
Child Welfare Service:			
Reimbursements		10.00	
From State	1,860.00		
From Towns	780.00		
		2,640.00	
Veterans Benefits:			
State Aid	530.00		
Military Aid	495.00		
2nd World War Allowance	701.75		
		1,726.75	
Total Public Welfare and Veterans Benefits			64,636.56
Schools and Libraries:			
Schools:			
Tuition—Cole Trade, High, Elementary			
Schools and Veterans Vocation	22,070.90		
Tuition and Transportation of State			
Wards	1,535.65		
Sale of Books and Supplies	362.07		
All Other	77.50		
		24,046.12	
Libraries:			
Fines and Sales		1,340.94	
Total Schools and Libraries			25,387.06
Unclassified:			
Airport Rental	400.00		
Tailings	159.48		
Town Hall Windstorm Damage Insurance	1,024.03		
Total Unclassified		1,583.51	1,583.51
Total Departmental Revenue			100,133.08
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS			
Sewers:			
Sewers Added to Taxes	386.58		
Unapportioned Sewers	3,762.98		
Paid in Advance			
		4,149.56	

Sidewalks:		
Sidewalks added to Taxes		
Unapportioned Sidewalks	1,121.92	
Paid in advance		
		1,121.92
Total Assessments Revenue		5,271.48
CEMETERIES		
Sale of Lots and Graves	870.00	
Graves Opened	547.00	
Foundations Installed	25.75	
		1,442.75
Total Cemetery Revenue		1,442.75
INTEREST		
General:		
On Deferred Taxes	666.60	
Tax Titles Redeemed	41.21	
		707.81
Special Assessments:		
Sidewalks	1.24	
Sewers	45.63	
		46.87
On Motor Vehicle Excise		.76
On Trust and Investment Funds:		
Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	57.50	
Mary Mynott (Library)	20.00	
Cemetery Funds (General Care)	1,791.64	
		1,869.14
Total Interest Revenue		2,624.58
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Revenue		300,000.00
General Loans:		
Worcester St. Sewer	35,000.00	
South St. Paving	30,000.00	
		65,000.00
Premium on Loans		211.35
Total Loan Revenue		365,211.35
AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT		
Agency:		
Dog License Fees—County	1,974.00	
Federal Tax on Employees' Wages	52,744.55	
Tri-Community Chest	58.00	
Blue Cross	3,890.74	
		58,667.29
Trust and Investment:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,000.00	
Post War Rehabilitation	3,375.00	
		4,375.00
Total Agency, Trust and Investment		63,042.29

REFUNDS & TRANSFERS

General Departments:

Selectmen	.57
Town Hall	8.51
Highway	1.00
Police	5.50
Schools	68.46
Public Welfare	113.25
Aid to Dependent Children	55.95
Old Age Assistance	198.95
Old Age Assistance—Federal Grant	433.99
Veterans Benefits—Salaries	21.63
Old Age Survivors Insurance	60.00
Teachers Retirement	66.78
Hillside Sewer	4.35
Insurance Account	33.14

1,072.08

Transfer

Total Refunds and Transfer

1,072.08

Total Revenue

1,614,366.10

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1947

347,264.01

1,961,630.11

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

MODERATOR:

Salary 60.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Postage	37.49
Association Dues	10.00
Filing Cabinet	73.74
Stenographic Services	11.10

132.33

192.33

SELECTMEN:

Salaries & Wages:

Chairman	550.00
2 Members	900.00
Clerical Assistance	1,890.00

3,340.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	66.84
Printing and Advertising	158.75
Travel, Mileage, Meals, Etc.	
Telephones	113.04
Office Equipment & Maintenance	17.94
New Office Equipment—Desk St.	15.68
Miscellaneous & Association Dues	12.60

384.85

3,724.85

ACCOUNTANT:

Salaries & Wages:

Accountant	3,000.00
Clerk	749.17

Clerical Assistance 165.06

3,914.23

OTHER EXPENSES:

Office Supplies, Stationery & Postage	63.57
Binding and Printing	353.78
Telephones	26.39
Equipment and Maintenance	7.50
Association Dues	22.00
Travel Expenses	80.92
All Other	3.02

557.18

4,471.41

TREASURER:

Salaries & Wages:

Treasurer	2,255.00
Clerk	1,563.00
Clerical Assistance	70.90

3,888.90

OTHER EXPENSES:

Office, Supplies, Stationery and Postage	391.50
Printing and Advertising	155.36
Equipment & Maintenance	68.62
New Office Equipment—Burroughs Adding Machine	180.00
Telephones	38.62
Surety Bonds and Insurance	346.92
Tax Titles Foreclosure	577.85
Certification of Notes	12.00
Travel Expenses	35.71
All Other	10.68

1,817.26

5,706.16

TAX COLLECTOR:

Salaries & Wages:

Collector	3,000.00
Collector's 1946 Salary Adjustment	400.00
Clerk	1,560.00
Clerk's 1946 Salary Adjustment	156.00
Clerical Assistance	103.65

5,219.65

OTHER EXPENSES:

Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage	607.48
Printing and Advertising	415.50
Telephone	39.62
Surety Bonds and Insurance	290.72
Equipment & Maintenance	22.33
Deputy Collectors' Fees	50.00
Tax Taking and Recording Expenses	10.00
Association Dues and Travel Exp.	47.46

Collector's Local Travel 50.00

1,533.11

6,752.76

ASSESSORS:

Salaries and Wages:

Assessors—2 Members 1,100.00
Clerk of Board 3,000.00
Clerical Assistance 1,404.00
Clerk of Board's—1946 Salary Adjustment 400.00

5,904.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

Office Supplies, Stationery and Postage 98.58
Printing, and Advertising and Binding 155.57
Auto Hire and Travel 257.02
Association Dues 6.00
Telephone 38.87
Addressograph Equipment 43.10
Equipment and Maintenance 36.30
Registry of Deeds—Abstracts 279.84

915.28

6,819.28

OTHER FINANCE OFFICERS & ACCOUNTS:

Printing & Certification of Bonds and Notes:

Certifying 69.00
Printing Coupons—South St. Pavement,
Worcester St. Sewer Loans 47.50

116.50

116.50

LAW:

Salaries & Wages:

Town Counsel 1,200.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

Transcribing & Recording Fees 142.43
Travel Expenses 28.20
Office Supplies 2.50
Association Dues 10.00
Telephone 6.07
Printing & Advertising 52.00

241.20

1,441.20

TOWN CLERK:

Salaries & Wages:

Town Clerk 1,760.00
Clerk 660.00

2,420.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

Office Supplies, Stationery and
Postage 282.20
Printing and Advertising 36.39
Telephone 90.56
Surety Bonds & Insurance 45.62
New Equipment—2 Files, Desk

Set and File Box	90.28	
Equipment & Maintenance	29.45	
Association Dues & Travel Exp.	5.00	
Miscellaneous	27.96	
		607.46
		3,027.46
ELECTION AND REGISTRATION:		
Salaries and Wages:		
3 Registrars	300.00	
Clerk of Board	150.00	
		450.00
Election Officers, Counters and Tellers	998.44	
All Other	140.25	
		1,138.69
OTHER EXPENSES—ELECTION:		
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	12.92	
Printing and Advertising	227.28	
Meals	256.18	
		496.38
		2,085.07
OTHER EXPENSES—RE-LISTING:		
Salaries & Wages:		
Office Clerical	1,012.95	
Assistant Registrars	614.90	
		1,627.85
EXPENSES:—RE-LISTING:		
Stationery, Postage & Supplies		
Printing Poll List Books 2M	662.55	
Printing	161.29	
Equipment and Maintenance	11.50	
Taxi Fares	10.88	
		846.22
		2,474.07
ENGINEERING:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Engineer (Refunded 1948 overpayment \$100.00)	5,300.00	
Assistant Engineer	2,781.60	
Helper & Clerical Assistance	3,446.80	
		11,528.40
OFFICE EXPENSES:		
Office Supplies, Stationery Printing & Postage	198.02	
Office Equipment & Maint.	4.87	
Telephone	83.32	
		286.21
FIELD EXPENSES		
Materials & Supplies	195.77	
Mileage & Travel	596.65	
New Equipment & Maintenance	54.74	

Cement Bounds		847.16	
			12,661.77
TOWN HALL:			
Salaries & Wages:			
Janitor	2,728.00		
Helpers	51.00		
		2,779.00	
OTHER EXPENSES:			
Fuel	2,504.36		
Lights	756.10		
Janitors Supplies	347.19		
Repairs	394.66		
Telephone	24.34		
Equipment & Maintenance	119.96		
Water	61.21		
All Other	13.86		
		4,221.68	
			7,000.68
PLANNING BOARD:			
Supplies, Postage & Printing	76.67		
Dues and Advertising	38.25		
Travel	51.60		
		161.52	
			166.52
RETIREMENT BOARD			
Administration		1,030.00	
			1,030.00
Total General Government			57,670.06
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY			
POLICE DEPT:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Chief	3,464.88		
Patrolmen	43,618.81		
Special Police	4,287.65		
Caretaker of Station	1,789.49		
Labor-Painting Street Lines	323.15		
			53,463.98
EQUIPMENT and MAINTENANCE:			
Motor Equipment	953.57		
Gas, Oil, Etc.	1,124.75		
Gas and Oil	392.62		
Alarm Boxes, Etc.	145.99		
Miscellaneous	50.91		
		1,172.00	
HYDRANT SERVICE:			
Shoveling Hydrants	109.50		
Hydrant Service	16,266.25		
			16,375.75
Equipment for Men	293.64		
Photography & Fingerprinting	47.89		

Radio Equipment & Maintenance	366.18	
		2,786.03
NEW AUTOMOBILE:		
1947 Ford Tudor		1,504.21
FUEL and LIGHTS:		
Fuel	435.85	
Lights	264.79	
		700.64
MAINTENANCE of BUILDING & GROUNDS:		
Repairs	613.24	
Janitors Supplies	115.20	
Water Service	37.44	
Rubbish Removal & All Other	26.85	
		792.73
OFFICERS & PRISONERS' EXPENSES:		
Officers' Travel	4.50	
Matron and Guards	19.50	
Feeding and Medical Care	375.50	
		399.50
TRAFFIC CONTROL:		
Labor (See Salary & Wages) Signs, Posts, Paints, etc.		3 9.08
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	80.93	
Telephone & Police Signals	1,237.85	
Office Equipment & Maint.	14.56	
Association Dues & Travel and Mixcellaneous	28.00	
		1,361.34
Total Police Department		61,377.51
FIRE DEPT:	?	
Salaries and Wages:		
Chief	3,234.00	
Deputy Call Cheif	400.00	
Permanent Firemen	38,784.13	
Call Men	4,733.12	
Superintendent of Alarms	350.80	
Assistant Clerk of Fjre Dept.	100.00	
Other Employees-See Hydrant Serv.		
		47,601.25
EQUIPMENT, NEW AND ADDITIONAL:		
1947 Mercury Sedan	1,624.35	
New Tires and Tubes	673.61	
Equipment of Men	164.08	
Accessories and Supplies	279.93	
Air Masks & Smoke Ejector	1,322.27	
Shop Equipment	398.81	
Hose Equipment & Supplies		
		4,463.05
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS:		
Radio Equipment & Maintenance	55.73	
Apparatus Repairs	526.75	
FUEL, LIGHTS & WATER:		
Fuel	1,155.98	
Lights	365.31	

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Water	69.57
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1,590.86

MAINTENANCE of BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Repairs	237.47
Furniture & Furnishings	25.01
Laundry	83.74
Janitors Supplies & All Other	403.29

749.51

Other Expenses:

Stationery, Printing and Postage	126.26
Telephone	171.93
Office Equipmnet and Maintenance	—
Travel Expenses	76.55
Travel Expenses—Out of State	30.00
Food for Men	12.70
Association Dues	12.00
Miscellaneous	3.00

432.44

Total Ambulance

6,616.02

Total Fire Department

72,384.86

FOREST FIRE:

Salaries and Wages:

Warden	200.00
Fighting Fires	—
Patrolling	—

200.00

Other Expenses :

Auto Rental—For Fire Patrol	—
Gasoline and Oil	122.34
Hose	180.37
Apparatus Maintenance and Accessorjes	2.52
Materials and Supplies	61.34
Darling Fire Pump	225.00

591.57

Total Forest Fire

791.57

AMBULANCE:

New Cadillac and Accessories—	—
(Paid \$307.50 deposit in 1946)	6,132.95
New Stretcher and Blankets	—
Repairs and Maintenance of Ambulance	237.03
Gasoline and Oil	99.60
Ambulance Equipment and Maintenance	128.69
Drivers' Expenses	17.75

483.07

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:

Salaries and Wages:

Salary of Sealer 1,300.00

Other Expenses:

Advertising 2.00

Materials and Supplies 14.82

Travel Allowance 300.00

Equipment and Maintenance 17.69

Liability Insurance 3.00

337.51

Total Sealer of Weights and Measures

1,637.51

DOG OFFICER:

Salaries and Wages

Salary

Other Expenses:

Board and Feed 299.88

Killing and Burying 85.00

384.88

384.88

STREET LIGHTING:

Street Lights 14,789.69

Traffic Lights—Central, Hamilton
and East Main Streets 276.17

15,065.86

15,065.86

ANIMAL INSPECTOR:

Salaries and Wages:

Salary

125.00

Other Expenses:

Postage and Supplies

Mileage for Travel 69.80

194.80

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Salaries and Wages:

Salary of Inspector

300.00

Other Expenses:

Dues 5.00

Desk Set and Shaeffer Pen 23.25

Travel Allowance 52.00

80.25

380.25

WIRE INSPECTOR:

Salaries and Wages:

Salary of Inspector

300.00

Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery and Postage 35.06

Travel Allowance 63.03

Telephone

98.09

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PLANTING & TRIMMING TREES:		398.09
Salaries and Wages:		
Tree Warden	334.50	
Labor	60.80	
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		395.30
Other Expenses:		
Hardware and Tools	—	
Tree Fertilizer	—	
Trees Planted	60.00	
Truck Rental	294.00	
Materials and Supplies	—	
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		354.00
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		749.30
GRASSY & BROWN TAIL MOTH EXTERMINATION:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Superintendent	170.50	
Labor	57.00	
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		227.50
Other Expenses:		
Truck Rental		172.50
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		400.00
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		160,380.65
Total Protection of Persons and Property		
HEALTH AND SANITATION		
HEALTH:		
General Administration:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Board of Health	330.00	
Board Physician	330.00	
School Physician	770.00	
Agent	550.00	
Nurse	1,900.00	
Plumbing Inspector	2,300.00	
Food and Provision Inspector	110.00	
Milk Inspector	204.98	
Slaughtering Inspector	385.00	
Dentists-Dental Clinic	700.00	
Podiatrist	250.00	
Clerical Assistance	236.50	
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		8,066.48
Other Administration Expenses		
Stationery, Postage and Supplies	78.81	
Printing and Advertising	124.53	
Telephone	61.17	
Office Equipment and Maintenance	15.00	
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		279.51
Quarantine, Contagious Diseases and Tuberculosis:		
Board and Care—Quarantine	—	
Medical Attendance	53.00	
Drugs and Medical Supplies	15.09	

Dry Goods and Clothings	—	
Groceries and Provisions	—	
Cash Aid	85.71	
Hospitals	—	
Cities and Towns	—	
Miscellaneous	—	
Worcester County Sanitorium	3,087.00	
	<hr/>	3,240.80
Vital Statistics:		
Birth Returns	142.00	
Death Returns	36.50	
	<hr/>	178.50
Inspectors' Expenses:		
Plumbing Inspector:		
Association Dues and Travel	243.12	
Food and Provisions Inspector:		
Travel	102.35	
Milk Inspector:		
Association Dues and Travel—Materials		
and Supplies	162.97	
Nurse:		
Travel	29.21	
Slaughtering Inspector:		
Travel and Supplies	105.50	
	<hr/>	643.15
Dental Clinic Supplies:		61.80
Other Expenses:		
Association Dues and Travel		19.85
Nuisance Abatement		239.10
Garbage Collection:		
Contract		4,999.92
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Total Health		17,729.11
SEWER MAINTENANCE DEPT:		
Gen. Administration:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Commissioners	299.99	
Caretaker	2,405.34	
	<hr/>	2,705.33
Administration Expenses		
Stationery, Supplies and Postage	5.34	
Telephone and Miscellaneous	87.03	
	<hr/>	92.37
General Expenses:		
Labor	452.90	
Tools and Equipment	1,005.42	
Pipe, Fittings and Supplies	—	
Manholes Repaired	145.00	
Repairs to Sewer Lines	94.21	
Miscellaneous	4.00	
	<hr/>	1,701.53
Buildings and Grounds:		
Building, Repairs and Materials	36.07	
Fuel and Lights	21.90	
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Cleaning Catch Basins:		
Truck and Tractor Maintenance:		
Gas, Oil and Repairs	306.73	
Garage Rent	36.00	
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		342.73
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		4,899.93
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Total Health and Sanitation		22,629.04
HIGHWAYS, SNOW & ICE		
General Administration:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Commissioners	600.00	
Superintendent	2,860.00	
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		3,460.00
Other Expenses:		
Stationery, Postage and Supplies	86.51	
Telephone	165.68	
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Equipment:		252.19
Adding Machine (Burroughs)	63.00	
Time Clock Recorder	169.60	
All Other	22.27	
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		254.87
General Maintenance:		
Labor, Clerk Operator & Timekeeper	24,141.63	
Truck Hire		<hr/>
Equipment Rental	256.00	
General Equipment and Repairs	1,004.92	
Crushed Stone, Gravel, etc.	1,694.22	
Tarvis, Road Oil, etc.	5,523.48	
Other Road Materials and Supplies	1,346.06	
First Aid Supplies	152.22	
All Other	295.15	
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		34,413.68
New Road Machinery:		
Nelson Snow Loader	6,500.00	
Sand Spreader	350.00	
1947 International Truck	2,745.75	
Monarch Hydraulic Lift	264.00	
All Other	8.00	
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		9,867.75
ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE:		
Repairs and Maintenance	4,794.11	
Gas and Oil	3,323.09	
Miscellaneous	126.43	
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		8,243.63
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:		
Maintenance and Repairs	26.11	
Fuel, Lights and Water	635.40	
Equipment and Maintenance	132.75	

All Other

4.75799.01

57,291.13

TOWN DUMP AND RUBBISH

Labor—Town Dump	1,408.50
Rental of Town Dump	375.00
Rubbish Collection—Labor, Contract	2,750.00
Advertising	8.00

4,541.50

4,541.50

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Labor and Clerk Operator, Timekeeper	10,136.27
Truck, Shovel and Bulldozer Rental	2,303.25
Team Hire	173.50
Cal. Chloride, Salt and Sand	761.84
Food and Meals	167.05
Tools and Equipment	30.00
Snow Fences	58.98

13,630.89

13,630.89

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE: STATE AND
COUNTY AID NO. 9455—Contract No. 10,338
Woodstock Road:

Labor	490.54
Truck Hire	298.41
Materials and Supplies	937.12

1,726.07

OLD WOODSTOCK ROAD:

Labor	20.40
Truck Hire	17.80

38.20

RIVER ROAD:

Labor	36.00
Truck Hire	15.00

51.00

DUDLEY ROAD AND EAST MAIN ST.:

Labor	346.15
Truck Hire	187.46
Materials and Supplies	866.88

1,400.49

WORCESTER STREET:

Labor	37.10
Truck Hire	15.80

52.90

MECHANIC STREET:

Labor	23.20
Truck Hire	6.80

30.00

Chapter 90 Total

3,298.66

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Total Highways		78,762.18
CHARITIES & VETERANS BENEFITS		
PUBLIC WELFARE:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Board	450.00	
Supervisor	500.00	
Clerks	739.00	
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		1,689.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:		
Stationery, Supplies & Postage	36.95	
Telephones	142.59	
Mileage & Travel Allowance	322.30	
Office Equipment & Maintenance	15.00	
Miscellaneous	1.84	
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		518.68
GENERAL RELIEF:		
Groceries and Provisions	4,814.98	
Fuel and Lights	855.11	
Medicine and Medical Care	2,605.91	
Hospital Care	1,487.64	
Rent	934.80	
Clothing	486.02	
Cash Grants	8,171.05	
Board and Care (Local)	1,516.28	
State Institutions	2,422.50	
Private Institutions	921.00	
Household Furniture & Moving	<hr/>	
Burials	290.00	
Electric Outlet at Infirmary	12.95	
Miscellaneous	<hr/>	
		24,518.24
RELIEF by OTHER CITIES & TOWNS:		
Cities	1,005.65	
Towns	1,120.59	
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		2,126.24
TRUCK EXPENSES:		
Gas and Oil	242.12	
Repairs & Maintenance	75.97	
Registration	2.50	
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		320.59
Total General Relief		<hr/>
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:		29,172.75
TOWN APPROPRIATION:		
Salaries & Wages:		
Supervisor	400.00	
Clerk	40.00	
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		440.00
ADMINISTRATION: (SEE FEDERAL GRANT)		
RELIEF EXPENSES:		

Cash Grants	16,720.90	
		17,160.90
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN: FEDERAL GRANTS ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries & Wages:		
Supervisor	200 00	
Clerks	286.00	
		486.00
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Travel Expenses	45.00	
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	34.22	
		79.22
RELIEF EXPENSES:		
Cash Grants		4,220.91
Total Aid to Dependent Children		4,786 13
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: TOWN APPROPRIATION:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Board	750.00	
Supervisor	900.00	
Clerks	451.00	
		2,101.00
ADMINISTRATION-(SEE FEDERAL GRANTS) RELIEF EXPENSES:		
Cash Grants	68,908.23	
Cities and Towns	414.63	
		69,322.86
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: FEDERAL GRANTS ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Supervisor	1,000.00	
Clerk	573.00	
		1,573.00
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	179.78	
Travel Allowance		
Telephone		
		179.78
RELIEF EXPENSES:		
Cash Grants	58,257.13	
Cities and Towns	529.02	
		58,786.15
		131,962.79
CHILD WELFARE SERVICE: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Supervisor	2,760.00	
975 Capital Outlay		
Clerks	1,440.00	
		4,200.00
OFFICE EXPENSES:		

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Stationery, Postage & Supplies	53.40
Telephone	79.97
Equipment and Maintenance	7.50

140.87

FIELD EXPENSES:

Mileage and Travel	466.23
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466.23

1,807.10

INFIRMARY:

Salaries and Wages:

Suprintendent	1,900.00
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1,900.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

Groceries and Provisions	3,005.21
Clothing & Household Furnishings	365.31
Building & Maintenance	1,598.76
Fuel, Lights & Water	891.08
Hospital, Medical Care & supplies	434.76
Telephone & Miscellaneous	193.88

6,489.00

Total Infirmary

8,389.00

VETERANS BENEFITS:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Salaries & Wages:

See Receipts for refund of \$21.63)

Salary (Net Salary \$1125.00 see Receipts

for refund of \$21.63)

Clerical Assistance

1,146.63

Stationery, Postage, Printing and Supplies 26.43

187.28

Travel and Mileage

160.85

RELIEF EXPENSES:

Fuel and Lights	172.15
Groceries & Provisions	576.85
Cash Grants and Rent	8,826.65
Clothing & Hospital Care	699.82
Medicine & Medical Attendance	1,480.82

11,747.29

Total Veterans Benefits

13,081.20

VETERANS SERVICES:

Salaries and Wages:

Supervisor

2,122.32

Assistant Supervisor

418.18

Clerical Assistance

1,560.50

4,101.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

Stationery, Supplies, Postage	257.60
Mileage and Travel	157.75
Telephone	190.60

EQUIPMENT:

Hunter Electro Copyist	138.10
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744.05

4,845.05

Total Charities & Veterans Benefits

214,204.92

SCHOOL & LIBRARIES

GENERAL CONTROL:

Salaries and Wages:

CODE

150	Supintendent	6.687.03
156	Supintendent's Clerk	2,415.05
157	Extra Clerical	143.00
401	Attendance Officer	424.46
103	School Census	167.96

9,837.50

OTHER EXPENSES:

160	Supplies	217.93
180	Printing	79.10
181	Travel Expenses	89.38
181A	Auto Expenses	285.62
181B	Supervisor's & Conferences Trav.	13.75
182	Telephone	114.85
182A	Books, Periodicals & Postage	599.02
182B	Equipment & Maintenance	599.02

1,649.61

Total General Control

11,486.11

HIGH SCHOOL:

Instruction Salaries:

220	Principal	5,025.66
225	Principal's Clerk	1,758.53
226	Extra Clerical	9.10
240	Teachers	60,939.24
245	Substitute Teachers	530.65

68,263.18

INSTRUCTION EXPENSES:

210	Supervision Travel	251.09
211	Research Activities	
235	Printing, Supplies, Postage	152.23
250	Text & Reference Books	1,287.22
270	Supplies	3,072.70
283	Supplementary Books	83.96
290	Commencement Expenses	241.66
660	Instruction Apparatus & Equip.	371.03

5,459.89

OPERATION OF PLANTS:

Salaries and Wages:

501	Janitors' Salaries	6,401.74
501	Extra Helpers	31.50

6,433.24

OTHER EXPENSES:

510	Janitors' Supplies	707.40
520	Fuel	3,234.69
530	Water	339.70
540	Gas & Electricity	1,175.32
565	Telephone	137.54
580	Drayage	30.88

5,625.53

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MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

601	Grounds	3.00
620	Buildings	211.51
640	Service Systems	588.24
680	Other Expenses	5.00

807.75

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

930	Building Alterations & Additions (See SpecialAccounts-New Construction)	
965	New Furnishings	274.04
975	Instructional Apparatus	52.86
985	Other Expenses	114.09
985A	Draw Sash-Painting, etc.	

440.99

Total High School

87,030.58

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: INSTRUCTION SALARIES

Salaries & Wages:

210A	Writing Service	840.00
240	Teachers	115,832.96
245	Substitute Teachers	2,275.01
245A	Teachers' Courses	150.00
226	Extra Clerical	9.50

119,107.47

INSTRUCTION EXPENSES:

210	Supervision Travel	383.22
250	Text & Reference Books	1,341.64
270	Supplies	3,964.08
283	Supplementary Books	105.68
660	Instruction Apparatus & Equipment	476.02

6,270.64

OPERATION OF PLANT:

Salaries and Wages

501	Janitors' Salaries	10,763.23
501A	Extra Helpers	

10,763.23

OTHER EXPENSES:

510	Janitors' Supplies	1,999.45
520	Fuel	5,191.53
530	Water	373.71
540	Gas & Electricity	2,093.24
565	Telephone	300.35
580	Drayage	115.00

10,073.28

MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

Expenses:

601	Grounds	22.05
620	Buildings	539.43
640	Service Systems	1,330.01
680	Other Expenses	102.92

		2,003.41	
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
930	Building Alterations & Additions		
965	New Furnishings	39.80	
975	Instructional Apparatus	16.17	
985	Other Expenses	415.76	
985A	Draw Sash-Painting etc.		
		471.73	
Total Elementary Schools			148,689.76
ELEMENTARY EVENING SCHOOL:			
Salaries & Wages:			
220	Director's Salary	325.00	
240	Teachers' Salaries	1,163.99	
			1,488.99
INSTRUCTION EXPENSES:			
210	Supervision Travel	8.70	
250	Text & Reference Books	12.51	
270	Supplies	54.67	
			75.88
OPERATION OF PLANT:			
501	Janitors Salary		
520	Fuel	35.00	
540	Gas & Electricity		
			35.00
Total Elementary Evening School			1,599.87
DOMESTIC SCIENCE:			
Salaries & Wages:			
240	Teachers Salaries		
OTHER EXPENSES:			
270	Supplies		
660	Instructional Apparatus		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
250	Text & Reference Books		
Total Domestic Science			
CONTINUATION SCHOOL:			
Salaries and Wages:			
240	Teachers' Salaries		251.08
OTHER EXPENSES:			
250	Text & Reference Books		
270	Supplies	6.87	
			6.87
Total Continuation School			257.95
HOUSEHOLD ARTS:			
Salaries and Wages:			
240	Teachers' Salaries		5,660.66
OTHER EXPENSES:			
210	Supervision Travel		
250	Text & Reference Books	22.50	
270	Supplies	399.22	
660	Instructional Apparatus	36.90	
975	Capital Outlay		

474.04

Total Auxiliary Agencies

17,787.61

VISUAL AIDS:

Salaries and Wages:

240 Teachers Salaries

170.00

OTHER EXPENSES:

270 Supplies
29.40

660 Instructional Apparatus
84.34

965 Furnishings

975 New Equipment
406.20

519.94

Total Visual Aids

689.94

Military Retirement Fund

COLE TRADE SCHOOL:

General Control:

Salaries and Wages:

220 Director
5,248.46

225 Director's Clerk
2,281.68

226 Assistant Clerk
1,943.97

9,474.11

OTHER EXPENSES:

210 Director's Travel
129.38

235 Printing, Supplies, Postage
1,019.86

565 Telephone
204.12

290 Commencement Expenses
166.55

1,519.91

INSTRUCTION SALARIES:

250 Text & Reference Books
314.36

270 Supplies
3,617.23

660 Instructional Apparatus
1,159.37

1,519.91

OPERATION OF PLANT:

Salaries & Wages:

501 Janitors
3,827.09

501A Extra Helpers

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458.62

Total Household Arts

6,119.28

AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

Pupils:

313 Transportation of pupils
12,392.79

360 Tuition to Other Schools
463.91

12,856.70

MEDICAL SERVICES:

Salaries & Wages:

402 Physician
1,757.63

404 Nurse
2,699.24

4,456.87

OTHER EXPENSES:
OTHER EXPENSES:

210 Travel for Nurse
142.40

270 Supplies
261.67

405 Telephone
69.97

OTHER EXPENSES:

510	Janitors' Supplies	612.95
520	Fuel	1,912.37
530	Water	182.06
540	Gas & Electricity	1,046.02
580	Drayage	453.83

3,827.09

MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:

601	Grounds	67.26
620	Buildings	134.65
640	Service Systems	346.85
680	Other Expenses	

4,207.23

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

930	Building Alteration & Additions	422.05
965	New Furnishings	627.55
975	Instructional Apparatus	624.53
985	Other Expenses	

548.76

1,674.13

Total Cole Trade School

76,352.87

COLE TRADE SCHOOL EVENING EXTENSION:

Instruction Salaries:

Salaries and Wages:

220	Director's Salary	175.00
225	Clerk	97.86
226	Assistant Clerk	
240	Teachers	2,263.60

2,536.46

INSTRUCTION EXPENSES:

235	Principal's Office Supplies	
270	Supplies	243.49
250	Books	28.56
660	Instructional Apparatus	25.75

297.80

OPERATION OF PLANT:

501 Janitor's Salaries

209.25

OTHER EXPENSES:

510	Janitors' Supplies	
520	Fuel	10.00
520	Gas & Electricity	

10.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

975 Instructional Apparatus

35.25

Total Cole Trade School Evening Extension

3,088.76

CONTINGENCY FUND:

Salaries and Wages:

156	Superintendent's Clerk	89.00
501	Janitors	34.50

123.50

OTHER EXPENSES:

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270	Emergency Lighting Supplies	319.76	
601	Drainage-West Street	635.77	
640	Toilets & Partitions		
	Materials & Supplies	2 62.41	
930	Petitions	67.45	
985	Capital Outlay	30.77	
250	Text & Reference Books	120.57	
270	Supplies	43.12	
520	Fuel	492.75	
640	Service Systems	566.38	
660	Instructional Apparatus	35.00	
965	New Furnishings	180.54	
313	Transportation	726.80	
			3,281.32
Total Contingency Fund			3,404.82
Total Schools from Town Appropriation			356,695.66
SMITH HUGHES FUND:			
Salaries and Wages:			
240	Continuation Classes	56.75	
240	Household Art Classes	201.67	
240	Vocational Classes	4,503.24	
240	Vocational Evening Classes	36.73	
			4,798.39
Total Smith Hughes Fund			4,798.39
GEORGE DEEN FUND:			
Salaries & Wages:			
240	Vocational Classes		518.54
240	Practical Arts		
Total George Deen Fund			518.54
GEORGE BARDEN FUND:			
Salaries & Wages:			
240	High		189.00
Total George Barden Fund			189.00
Total Schools Expenditures from Town Appropriations, Smith Hughes, George Deen and George Barden Funds			362,201.59
LIBRARY			
JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY:			
Salaries and Wages:			
Code			
101	Librarian	2,433.32	
103	Assistants	4,473.89	
150-51	Janitors	1,975.00	
			8,882.21
BOOKS & PERIODICALS:			
201	Books	2,257.95	
202	Periodicals	375.76	
			2,633.71
BINDING:			

250	Books & Periodicals		112.48
	FUEL and LIGHTS:		
301	Fuel		
302	Lights		
	BUILDINGS:		
350	Repairs	6.79	
501	Furniture & Furnishings		
304-06	All Other	16.62	
			23.41
	OTHER EXPENSES:		
350	Repairs	6.79	
501	Furniture & Furnishings		
304-06	All Other	16.62	
			23.41
	OTHER EXPENSES:		
402-03	Stationery, Printing & Advertising		178.45
	Total Libraries from Town Appropriations		11,830.26
	LIBRARY EXPENDITURES FROM TRUST FUNDS:		
	MARY MYNOTT FUND (SEE AGENCY, TRUST and INVESTMENT)		
	OTHER TRUST FUNDS:		
	(See Library Trustees Report)		
	Total Schools and Libraries		374,031.85
	RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED		
	RECREATION:		
	Parks		
	Labor	228.66	
	Supplies-New Rope	5.00	
	Loam & Seed	19.25	
			252.91
	PLAYGROUNDS:		
	Instructors' Salaries	2,828.15	
	Travel Expenses	36.53	
	Equipment & Maintenance	7.00	
	Materials & Supplies	800.93	
	Soprts, Games, Sets, Etc.	464.93	
			4,137.54
	WORLD WAR MEMORIAL:		
	Labor	194.49	
	Materials & Supplies	87.85	
	Trees and Spraying	78.50	
	Water and Lights	20.95	
	All Other	2.00	
			383.79
	SWIMMING POOL OPERATION & MAINT. ACCT:		
	Instructors Salaries	1,635.05	
	Equipment and Maintenance	172.45	
	Grounds, Bldgs. & All Other	989.75	
	Materials and Supplies	162.36	
			2,959.61
	2nd WORLD WAR HONOR ROLL:		
	Electric Lighting	49.22	
	Repairs	139.65	
	Wreaths & Landscaping	88.45	
			277.32
	2nd WORLD WAR HONOR ROLL:		

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Total Recreation		8,011.17
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Damage to Persons & Property	202.15	
Memorial Day Celebration	400.00	
Armistice Day Celebration	300.00	
PRINTING TOWN & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS:		
Town Reports (2000)	1,033.70	
Finance Reports (2500)	416.50	
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		1,450.20
Pensions (Non Contributory)		6,361.45
INSURANCE:		
Buildings & Contents;		
Fire, Theft & Collision,		
Automotive Equipment Liability	3,131.74	
INDEMNITY INSURANCE:		
Workmen's Compensation & Public		
Liability	2,578.37	
Boiler Explosion Liability	286.75	
Buildings	91.94	
Honor Roll	15.00	
Airport	48.88	
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		3,020.94
Town Clock		68.00
Town Manager or Repr. Form of Government		6.94
Water and Ice		422.20
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT:		
(Capital Outlay Program)		
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	255.50	
Clerk Hire	81.06	
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		336.56
PUBLIC WORKS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE:		
Postae and Supplies		6.20
WINDSTORM DAMAGE:		
Town Hall		1,024.03
Purchase of Chairs No.2 Station		1.39.75
OUTSTANDING BILLS OF PREVIOUS YEARS:		
Town Clerk	16.65	
Protection of Persons & Property	50.85	
Soldiers Relief	6.50	
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		74.00
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Total Unclassified		24,722.22
Total Recreation and Unclassified		32,733.39
CEMETERY		
OAK RIDGE CEMETARY:		
Salaries and Wages:		
Superintendent	293.75	
Labor	4,241.85	
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		4,535.60
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Loam, Fertilizer, etc.	293.75	
Flowers and Trees	73.86	

Signs		
Equipment, Maintenance & Tools	248.81	
Team Hire	180.00	
Equipment Rental	47.50	
Gasoline and Oil	38.91	
Materials, Supplies & All Other	47.91	
		856.04
CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT:		
Labor	32.00	
Stanley Trimmer	59.50	
Whirlwind Power Motor	387.00	
Supplies-Materials	47.60	
		526.10
Total Cemetery		5.917.74
ELM ST. SIDEWALK:		
(Cohasse Brook Southreryly)		
Fee	7.10	
Labor	1,404.77	
Materials Supplies	1,200.59	
Tree Removal	35.00	
		2,647.46
GREEN AVE. SIDEWALK:		
(East Side)		
Fees	4.85	
Labor	612.65	
Materials-Supplies	25.27	
Cement	542.83	
		1,185.60
NORTH ST. SIDEWALK:		
(North Side From Mechanic St.)		
Fees	1.50	
Labor	112.70	
Cement & Gravel	34.70	
		148.40
WARREN ST. SIDEWALK:		
(Cisco St. to Federal Ave.)		
Fees	5.85	
Labor	1,234.31	
Cement-Sand-Gravel	879.94	
Materials and Supplies	22.74	
		2,142.84
UNION ST. SIDEWALK:		
(South Side)		
Fees	1.50	
Labor	442.75	
Materials and Supplies	212.08	
		656.33
HILLSIDE ROAD SEWER:		
(Northerly to Woodland Ave.)		
Fees	19.35	
Contract (F. J. Shields, Inc.)	6,685.00	
		6,704.35

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PROULX AVE. SEWER:

(From Main St. to Wall St.)	
Advertising & Recording Fees	22.20
Contract (Lucien Duff)	5,393.02

WORCESTER ST. SEWER:

(Vinton St. to Charlton Line)	
Advertising & Recording Fees	26.90
Contract-Ciesla Bros.	22,009.70
Calcium Chloride	40.80

22,077.40

TOWN HALL FIRE ESCAPE:

Contract F. X. Laliberte & Son, Inc.	895.00
Sbge. Roofing Company, Inc.	1,993.40

2,888.40

DRESSER ST. ATHLETIC FIELD:

Grading & Drainage:	
Engineering Dept.	353.85
Contract-Atlas Construction Company	26,620.91

26,974.76

CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD HOUSE:

Advertising for Bids	15.75
Architectural Service	300.00

315.75

GRANDSTAND & BLEACHERS:

Advertising for Bids	14.00
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FENCE, GATES, ETC.

Lock for Gates	12.25
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FEDERAL & VETERANS HOUSING:

Labor	277.75
Gravel & Sand	939.26
Oil	463.17
Equipment Rental	71.00
Electriccal Light Pole Extension	333.58
Relocating Hydrants	233.97

2,318.73

CLARK ST. ROAD:

(Cliff St. to Mathieu's)	
Labor	146.46
Materials & Supplies	360.70

517.16

DRESSER ST. RESURFACING:

(Elm to Marcy St.)	
Labor	429.45
Gravel, Sod. Sand	24.75
Forms for Steps	37.00

491.20

MAIN ST. PAVING:

(Oak Ridge Cemetery Gate to Chestnut St.)	
Advertising-for Bids	13.00
Contract-F. J. Shields, Inc.	15,027.60

MAIN ST. PAVING:	15,040.60
(Hamilton St.-Quinebaug River Bridge)	
Advertising for Bids	14.00
Contract-F. J. Shields	5,443.50
EXTRAS:	
Larochelle Electric Company	183.20
Kennedy Electric Company	37.19

DENNISON ROAD RESURFACING:	5,677.89
(Lataille's Farm to Eastford Road)	
Labor	2,100.38
Gravel	451.70
Materials & Supplies	132.35
Truck Hire	970.13
Equipment Rental	1,989.36
Rebuilding Well	42.00

SOUTH ST. PAVING:	5,685.92
(From Main St. to Highland St.)	
Advertising for Bids	28.00
Contract-F. J. Shields, Inc.	38,969.85

BRICKYARD ROAD BRIDGE & EASFORD ROAD:	38,997.85
(Chapter 90 Construction)	
Hill Construction Company Contract No. 10120	
Advertising for Bids	1.90
Clearing & Grubbing	10,944.19
Bounds	94.90

BRICKYARD BRIDGE:	11,040.99
F. J. Shields, Inc Contract No. 10121	
Advertising for Bids	1.90
Contract	7,116.20
Guard Post & Rails	47.56
Signs	6.86

EASTFORD ROAD:	7,172.52
F. J. Shields, Inc. Contract No. 10656	
Supervision	560.00
Labor	7,749.97
Truck Hire	121.00
Equipment Hire	7,531.50
Materials and Supplies	475.96
	16,438.43

MARCY ST. SCHOOL ALTERATIONS:	
Advertising for Bids	12.50
Plumbing Contract-G. C. Winter Company	1,795.00
Heating Contract G. C. Winter Company	4,850.00
H. U. Bail & Sons, Inc.	2,250.00
Electrical Contract Larochelle Electric Co.	1,666.00

EMERGENCY LIGHTING * SCHOOLS:	10,573.50
Contract—Carpenter Mfg. Co.	1,620.37

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Miscellaneous Supplies	18.22	
		1,638.59
WEST ST. SCHOOL DRAIN:- DRAINAGE		
Advertising for Bids	14.50	
Contract-F. J. Shields, Inc.	1,384.95	
		1,399.45
TOWN HALL ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS & SURVEY:		
Advertising for Bids	13.50	
CONTRACT:		
F. X. Laliberte & Sons-Weather Stripping		
Doors	52.80	
Konwles Electric Service-Wiring Exit		
Lights	172.86	
Daniels & Gregoire-Repairing Windows	48.00	
		287.16
TOWN HALL FIRE ESCAPE:		
Contract-F. X. Laliberte	895.00	
Sbg. Roofing Co.	1,993.40	
		2,888.40

EXPENSES 1947

SWIMMING POOL BATH HOUSE:		
Advertising for Bids	12.50	
Contract-Albert J. Arsenault	8,684.20	
		8,696.70
CLARK ST. DRAIN:		
Advertising for Bids	13.50	
Contract-F. J. Shields	6,049.50	
Engineering Dept. Service	135.40	
		6,198.40
LENS ST. TO MECHANIC ST. DRAIN:		
Advertising for Bids	15.00	
Contract-F. J. Shields	2,643.50	
		2,658.50
MEADOWBROOK DRAIN:		
(To be complete in 1948)		
Advertising for Bids	15.00	
Contract-F. J. Shields	3,234.85	
		3,249.85
CENTRAL ST. BRIDGE REPAIRS:		
Advertising for Bids	14.00	
Contract-Trahan Bros. Masonry	700.00	
Bridge and Railing	306.25	
Extra	50.00	
		1,070.25
VETERANS GRAVES:		
Maintenance		100.00
INTEREST & MATURING DEPT:		
INTEREST:		
Temporary Loans:		

County Tax	30,500.79	
County T B Hospital Maint.	15,392.29	
		45,893.08
Dog Tax Fees Paid to County		1,984.80
Federal Withholding Tax	49,544.74	
Blue Cross	4,614.04	
		54,158.78
TRUST & INVESTMENT:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		1,000.00
Pensions & Retirement Fund		12,092.17
OTHER PERMANENT TRUSTS:		
Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)	11.35	
Mary Mynott (Library)	30.98	
		42.33
INVESTMENT FUNDS:		
U. S. War Bonds		
Post War Rehabilitation Interest Invested	3,375.00	
Total Agency, Trust & Investment		132,199.13
REFUNDS & TRANSFERS		
REFUNDS:		
Taxes-Poll & Real Estate	503.69	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	325.28	
State Teachers Retirement	66.78	
Tri-Community Chest	58.00	
EXPENDITURES		
1947		
School Bonds	12,000.00	
County T B Hospital District	5,300.00	
Airport	15,000.00	
Hamilton & Main Sts. Paving	9,600.00	
		41,900.00
Total Interest & Maturing Debt		441,900.00
AGENCY:		
State Tax	12,250.00	
State Auditing Tax	627.16	
State Parks & Reservations Tax	735.30	
State Examination-Retirement System	40.51	
		13,652.97
Anticipation of Revenue		1,116.00
GENERAL LOANS:		
School Bonds	2,000.00	
County T B Hospital Loan	601.59	
Airport	337.50	
Hamilton & Main Sts. Paving	316.00	
		3,255.09
Total Interest		4,371.09
MATURING DEPT:		
Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Revenue		400,000.00
General Loans:		

Blue Cross

32.20

785.95

Total Refunds & Transfers

785.95

Total Payments for 1947

1,736,222.45

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1947

225,407.66

1,961,630.11

LIST OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

December 31, 1947

Veterans Benefits

574.50

General Relief

45.00

Total Outstanding Bills

619.50

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TOWN ACCOUNTANT

JACOB EDWARDS LIBRARY
Southbridge, Mass.



ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash in Banks and Office	\$225,407.66	Federal Taxes Withheld,	\$ 6,610.66
Accounts Receivable:		Trust Fund Income:	
Taxes:		Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund	\$ 31.27
Levy of 1947.	30,286.08	Ella M. Cole Fund—Needy School Children	295.33
Motor Vehicle Excise:		Alexis Boyer Jr., School Fund	11.29
Levy of 1947.	1,166.58	Mary Mynott Library Fund	44.83
Special Assessments:			382.72
Unapportioned Sewer	\$ 1,015.27	Vocational Education Grants:	
Unapportioned Sidewalk	365.01	George Barden Fund	243.00
Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1947	192.34	Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund	953.00
Committed Interest Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1947	11.54	Machinery Rental Fund	1,675.93
Tax Titles	2,097.07	Tailings	206.34
Tax Possessions	1,410.08	Premium on Loans	94.85
		Overestimates 1947:	
		State Parks and Reservations Assessment	271.67
		County Tax	3,390.23
Departmental:			3,661.90
Town Hall	25.00	Federal Grants:	
Sectmen—Cole Lot Timber	510.40	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Ambulance	1,207.50	Administration	256.41
Health	1,352.85	Aid	2,455.27
Highway	2,291.98	Old Age Assistance:	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,357.62	Administration	1,733.83
Veterans Benefits	5,523.32	Assistance	1,855.79
School	4,450.31		6,301.30
Cemetery	1,190.00	Appropriation Balances:	
	18,908.98	Engineering Expenses	157.50
Aid to Highways:		Edwards Memorial Library Repairs	1,000.00
State	16,011.60	Cemetery Improvements	2,855.15
County	8,555.82	Clark Street Drain	1,060.94
	24,567.42	Town Hall Vault	179.52
Underestimate 1947:		Dresser Street Field	56,307.56
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	1,086.75	Bills of 1946	57.44
Overdrawn Accounts:		Chapter 90—Construction	
Highways—Chapter 90, Maintenance 1947	2,198.66	Brickyard Bridge and Eastford Road	1,379.07
Highways—Chapter 90, Construction 1947	10,438.43	Veterans Housing Project	903.28
	12,637.09	Marcy Street Schoolhouse Alterations	2,439.00
		River Street School Grading	500.00
		Worcester Street Sewer	20,922.00
		Dean, Benefit and Lens Street Curbs	3,700.00
		Meadowbrook Road Drain	1,050.15
		Dennison Road Construction	4,314.08
		Town Hall Survey and Repairs	1,712.84
		Town Government Survey	\$193.06
		Child Welfare Service	364.06
		Sewer Assessment Reserve	4,195.19
		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	27,651.34
		Overlay—Reserved for Abatements:	
		Levy of 1947	6,888.92
		Revenue—Reserved until Collected:	
		Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 1,166.58
		Special Assessment	1,584.16
		Tax Title and Tax Possession	3,507.15
		Departmental	18,908.98
		Aid to Highways	24,567.42
		Surplus Revenue	\$ 49,734.49
			112,055.98
	\$319,151.87		\$319,151.87

Apportioned Sewer Assessments—Not Due	\$261.84	Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:	
		Due in 1948	\$ 65.46
		1949	65.46
		1950	65.46
		1951	65.46
	<u>\$261.84</u>		<u>\$ 261.84</u>

Net Funded on Fixed Debt	\$225,000.00	Street Pavement Loans	\$ 62,000.00
		Airport Construction Loan	30,000.00
		Sewer Loan	35,000.00
		Eastford Road and West Street	
		School Loan	54,000.00
		Northern District Elementary School	
		Loan	44,000.00
	<u>\$225,000.00</u>		<u>\$225,000.00</u>

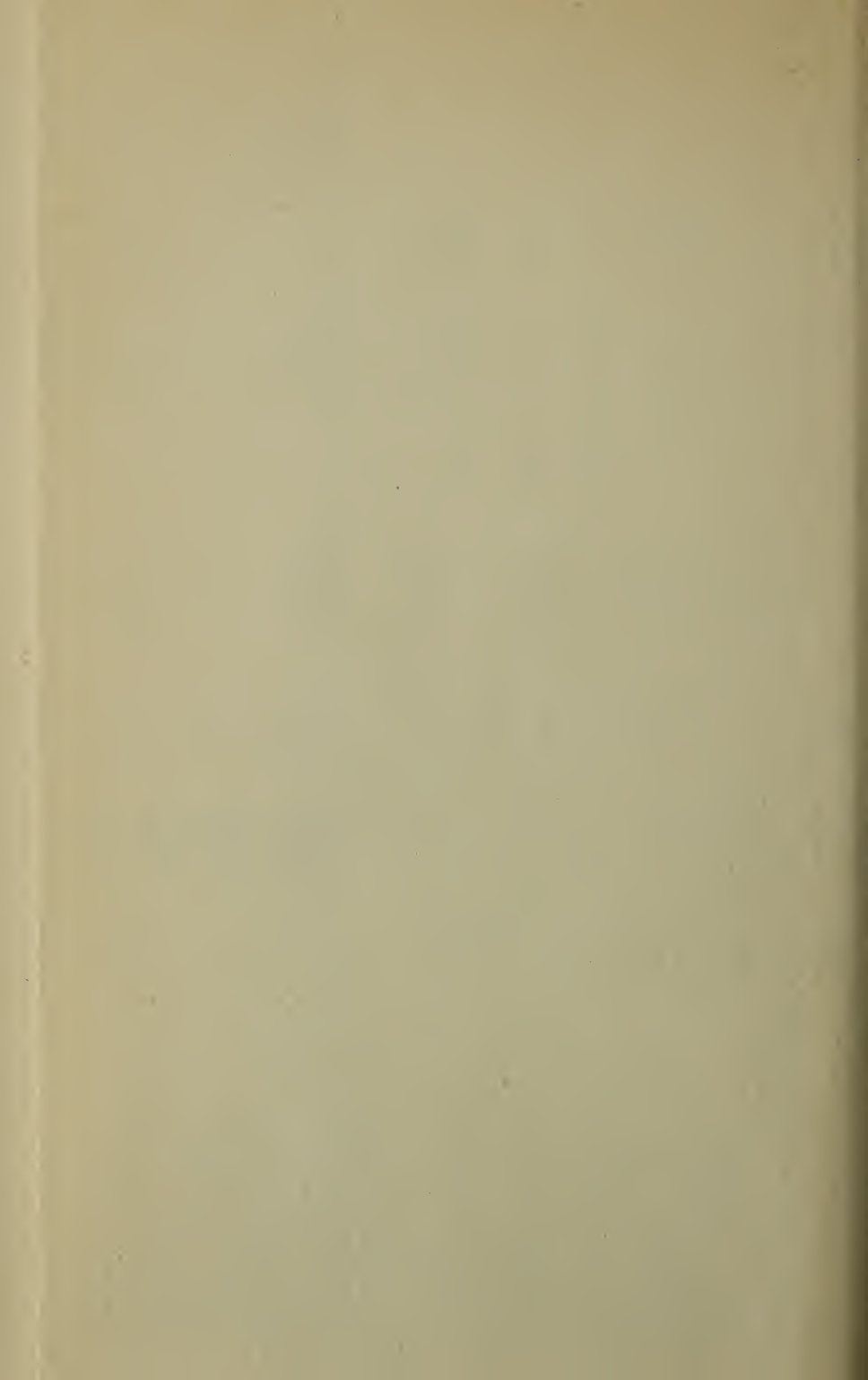
Trust and Investment Funds, Cash and Securities:		In Custody of Treasurer	
Securities		Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund	\$ 1,375.45
In Custody of Treasurer	\$241,880.54	Ella M. Cole Fund	3,000.00
In Custody of Trustees	4,868.92	Alexis Boyer Jr., School Fund	413.31
		Mary Mynott Library Fund	1,000.00
		Cemetery General Care Funds	25,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	50,577.45
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	160,514.33
			\$241,880.54
		In Custody of Trustees:	
		Bradford Library Fund	4,868.92
	<u>\$246,749.46</u>		<u>\$246,749.46</u>

Contributory Retirement Funds, Cash and Securities	\$77,797.66	Retirement System Funds: Annuity Savings Fund Annuity Reserve Fund Pension Fund Special Fund—Military Service Expense Fund Undistributed Income	\$54,607.09 4,590.69 16,087.12 1,117.15 261.11 1,134.50
	<u>\$77,797.66</u>		<u>\$ 77,797.66</u>

December 31, 1947
(Including County T. B. Hospital District Loan of 1933)

Due In	County T. B. Hospital District—1933	Eastford Rd. & West St. Schools 1933	Charlton St. School 1938	Airport 1945	Hamilton and Main Sts. Resurfacing 1946	Worcester St. Sewer Loan 1947	South St. Resurfacing 1947	Amount Due Annually
	\$79,800.00	\$152,490.00	\$80,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$41,600.00	\$35,000.00	\$30,000.00	
1948	\$5,300.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00	8,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	51,200.00
1949		6,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00	8,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	46,000.00
1950		6,000.00	4,000.00		8,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	31,000.00
1951		6,000.00	4,000.00		8,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	31,000.00
1952		6,000.00	4,000.00			7,000.00	6,000.00	23,000.00
1953		6,000.00	4,000.00					10,000.00
1954		6,000.00	4,000.00					10,000.00
1955		6,000.00	4,000.00					10,000.00
1956		6,000.00	4,000.00					10,000.00
1957			4,000.00					4,000.00
1958			4,000.00					4,000.00
	5,300.00	54,000.00	44,000.00	32,000.00	2,000.00	35,000.00	30,000.00	230,500.00

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Title	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfers to Other Accounts	Total Expenses	Balance to Revenue or Overlay	Balance Forw. to 1918	Overdrawn Accounts
CHARITIES AND VETERANS BENEFITS:									
General Relief—									
Salaries	1,713.00								
By O. A. A.—Salaries		57.69							
By A. D. C.—Salaries		40.00	1,810.69	1,786.69		1,786.69	24.00		
All Other	28,000.00								
By Refunds		85.25	28,085.25	27,483.75		27,483.75	601.50		
Aid to Dependent Children—									
Salaries	600.00		600.00	396.32					
To General Relief—Salaries					40.00				
To O. A. A. *Federal Grant					3.68	44.00	160.00		
All Other	20,000.00								
By Refunds		55.95	20,055.95	16,720.90					
To Infirmary Expense					700.00	17,420.90	2,635.05		
Old Age Assistance									
Salaries	2,450.00		2,450.00	2,043.31					
To General Relief—Salaries					57.69	2,101.00	349.00		
All Other	70,000.00								
By Refunds		198.95	70,198.95	69,322.86		69,322.86	876.09		
FEDERAL GRANTS:									
Aid to Dependent Children									
Administration—1916 Balance		534.40							
From Grants		287.23	821.63	565.22		565.22		256.41	
All Other—1916 Balance		1,439.56							
From Grants		5,236.62	6,676.18	4,220.91		4,220.91		2,455.27	
Old Age Assistance—									
Administration—1916 Balance		1,601.81							
From Grants		1,884.80							
From A. D. C. Salaries		3.68	3,490.29	1,756.46		1,756.46		1,733.83	
All Other—1916 Balance		3,730.37							
From Grants		56,477.58							
By Refunds		433.99	60,641.94	58,786.15		58,786.15		1,855.79	
Child Welfare Services	2,220.00								
1916 Balance		311.16							
From State and Towns		2,640.00	5,171.16	4,807.10		4,807.10		364.06	
Infirmary—									
Salaries	1,900.00		1,900.00	1,900.00		1,900.00			
All Other	1,800.00								
From Reserve Fund		1,000.00							
From A. D. C. All Other		700.00	6,500.00	6,489.00		6,489.00	11.00		
Veterans Benefits—									
Salaries	1,125.00								
By Refund		21.63	1,146.63	1,146.63		1,146.63			
All Other	11,350.00								
From Soldiers Burial		400.00							
From World War 2 Allowance		350.00	12,000.00	11,934.57		11,934.57	65.43		
World War 2 Allowance	350.00		350.00						
) To Veterans Benefits—									
) All Other					350.00	350.00			
Soldiers Burial	400.00		400.00						
) To Veterans Benefits—									
) All Other					400.00	400.00			
Veterans Services—									
Salaries	4,101.00		4,101.00	4,101.00		4,101.00			
All Other	1,000.00		1,000.00	744.05		744.05	255.95		
Total Charities and Veterans Benefits	124,809.00	77,490.67	227,399.67	24,415.25	1,551.37	215,756.29	4,978.02	6,665.36	
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES:									
Schools									
Salaries	290,908.15		290,908.15	280,008.98		280,008.98	10,899.17		
Salaries—1916 Salary Adjustment									
Salaries—1916 Balance	12,861.43		12,861.43	12,480.83		12,480.83	380.60		
Military Retirement Fund	188.11		188.11	188.11		188.11			
Contingency Fund	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,404.82		3,404.82	95.18		
All Others	57,925.00								
1916 Balance	2,703.12		60,628.12	60,625.42		60,625.42	2.70		
George Deen Fund									
1916 Balance		52.75							
From Grants		399.00							
By Smith Hughes		66.79							
By School Salaries		66.79	585.33	518.54					
To Smith Hughes Fund					66.79	585.33			
Smith Hughes Fund									
1916 Balance		22.14							
From Grants		4,843.04							
By George Deen		66.79	4,931.97	4,865.18					
To George Deen Fund					66.79	4,931.97			
George Barden Fund		432.00	432.00	189.00		189.00		243.00	
Libraries									
Salaries	9,350.00		9,350.00	8,882.21					
To Library—All Others					300.00	9,182.21	167.79		
All Other	2,650.00								
From Library—Salaries		300.00	2,950.00	2,948.05		2,948.05	1.95		
Alteration and Improvements	1,000.00		1,000.00						1,000.00
Mary Mynott Fund									
1916 Balance		59.14							
From Income		20.00	79.14	30.98					
To Excess and Deficiency					3.33	34.31		44.83	
Total Schools and Library	381,085.81	6,328.44	387,414.25	374,142.12	436.91	374,579.03	11,547.39	1,287.83	
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED:									
Parks	500.00		500.00	252.91		252.91	247.09		
Playgrounds	4,140.00		4,140.00	4,137.54		4,137.54	2.46		
World War Memorial	500.00		500.00	383.79		383.79	116.21		
2nd World War Honor Roll	350.00								
1916 Balance		66.83	416.83	277.32		277.32	139.51		
Damage to Persons and Property	500.00		500.00	202.15		202.15	297.85		
Swimming Pool	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,959.61		2,959.61	40.39		
Annual Reports	1,475.00		1,475.00	1,450.20		1,450.20	24.80		
Pensions—Non Contributory	5,919.00								
From Reserve Fund		442.45	6,361.45	6,361.45		6,361.45			
Insurance	13,110.00								
By Refunds		22.75							
From Reserve Fund		913.04	14,045.79	13,930.74		13,930.74	115.05		
Armistice Day	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
Memorial Day	400.00		400.00	400.00		400.00			
Town Clock	500.00		500.00	68.00		68.00	432.00		
Water and Ice	500.00		500.00	422.20		422.20	77.80		
Public Improvement Committee	1,500.00		1,500.00	336.56		336.56	1,163.44		
Public Works Investigating Committee									
1916 Balance		200.00	200.00	6.20		6.20	193.80		
Purchase of Chairs No. 2 Station									
1916 Balance		267.50	267.50	139.75		139.75	127.75		
Town Hall Storm Damage									
From Insurance Loss Acct.		1,024.03	1,024.03	1,024.03		1,024.03			
Outstanding Bills of Previous Years	74.00								
From Reserve Fund		57.64	131.64	74.00		74.00		57.64	
Pension Accumulation and Military Service Funds									
From Reserve Fund	11,553.00	539.17	12,092.17	12,092.17		12,092.17			
Total Recreation and Unclassified	44,321.00	3,533.41	47,854.41	44,818.62		44,818.62	2,678.15	57.64	
ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES:									
Cemetery	3,600.00								
From Income from Trust Funds		1,791.64	5,391.64	5,391.64		5,391.64			
Cemetery Improvement Account									
1916 Balance		381.25							
From Sale of Lots and Graves		3,000.00	3,381.25	526.10		526.10		2,855.15	
Total Enterprises and Cemeteries	3,600.00	5,172.89	8,772.89	5,917.74		5,917.74		2,855.15	

Title	Appropriations	Prev. Bal. Refunds Transfers	Total Receipts	Expense	Transfers to Other Accounts	Total Expenses	Balance to Revenue or Overlay	Balance Forw. to 1918	Overdrawn Accounts
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:									
Airport									
1946 Balance		148.70	148.70				148.70		
Dresser St. Resurfacing									
1946 Balance		491.85	491.85	491.20		491.20	.65		
Clark St. Road									
1946 Balance		1,578.10	1,578.10	517.16		517.16		1,060.94	
Brickyard Bridge—Eastford Road Construction									
1946 Balance		5,060.00							
From Highway Aid		13,632.58	19,592.58	18,213.51		18,213.51		1,379.07	
Hamilton St. Resurfacing									
1946 Balance		3,930.45	3,930.45						
To Main St. Resurfacing					3,930.45	3,930.45			
Main St. Resurfacing (From Oak Ridge Cemetery)									
1946 Balance		15,100.00	15,100.00	15,040.60		15,040.60	59.40		
Main St. Resurfacing—(From Hamilton St.)									
From Hamilton St. Resurfacing		3,930.45							
From Excess and Deficiency		2,069.55	6,000.00	5,677.89		5,677.89	322.11		
South St. Reconstruction	9,000.00								
From Loans Authorized		30,000.00	39,000.00	38,997.85		38,997.85	2.15		
Dennison Road Reconstruction									
From Excess and Deficiency		10,000.00	10,000.00	5,685.92		5,685.92		4,314.08	
Central St. Bridge									
From Reserve Fund		1,100.00	1,100.00	1,070.25		1,070.25	29.75		
Eastford Road Construction—Contract No. 10656									
From Excess and Deficiency		6,000.00	6,000.00	16,438.43		16,438.43			10,438.43
Clark St. Drain									
1946 Balance		7,459.90	7,459.90	6,198.40		6,198.40	1,261.50		
Lens St. to Mechanic St. Drain	2,700.00		2,700.00	2,658.50		2,658.50	41.50		
Meadowbrook Road Drain	4,300.00		4,300.00	3,249.85		3,249.85		1,050.15	
Elm St. Sidewalk	4,100.00		4,100.00	2,647.46					
To Highways—All Other					500.00	3,147.46	952.54		
Green Ave. Sidewalk	2,200.00								
By Highways—All Other		393.78	2,593.78	1,579.38					
To Snow and Ice					1,000.00	2,579.38	14.40		
North St. Sidewalk	150.00		150.00	148.40		148.40	1.60		
Union St. Sidewalk	800.00		800.00	467.63					
To Highways—All Other					188.70	656.33	143.67		
Warren St. Sidewalk	2,300.00								
By Highways—All Other		496.15	2,796.15	2,638.99		2,638.99	157.16		
Hillside Road Sewer	6,700.00								
By Refund		4.35	6,704.35	6,704.35		6,704.35			
Proulx Ave. Sewer	4,644.85								
From Sewer—Assessment Reserve		855.15	5,500.00	5,415.22		5,415.22	84.78		
Worcester St. Sewer	8,000.00								
From Loans Authorized		35,000.00	43,000.00	22,077.40		22,077.40		20,922.60	
Dean, Benefit, Lens, Crystal Streets Curb Installation	3,700.00		3,700.00					3,700.00	
Town Hall Vault									
1946 Balance		179.52	179.52					179.52	
Town Hall Fire Escape									
1946 Balance		2,890.00	2,890.00	2,888.40		2,888.40	1.60		
Town Hall Alteration and Survey									
From Excess and Deficiency		2,000.00	2,000.00	287.16		287.16		1,712.84	
Town Manager or Representative Form of Government	200.00		200.00	6.94		6.94		193.06	
Dresser St. Field									
1946 Balance		83,624.32	83,624.32	27,316.76		27,316.76		56,307.56	
Swimming Pool Bath House									
1946 Balance		7,139.93							
From Excess and Deficiency		1,700.00	8,839.93	8,696.70		8,696.70	143.23		
Veterans Housing Project									
1946 Balance		1,222.01							
From Reserve Fund		1,400.00	2,622.01	2,318.73		2,318.73		303.28	
Marcy St. School Alterations									
From Excess and Deficiency		13,000.00	13,000.00	10,561.00		10,561.00		2,439.00	
Emergency Lighting—Schools									
From Excess and Deficiency		1,700.00	1,700.00	1,638.59		1,638.59	61.41		
River St. School Regrading									
From Excess and Deficiency		500.00	500.00					500.00	
West St. School Drain & Driveway	1,400.00		1,400.00	1,399.45		1,399.45	.55		
Veterans Graves—Maintenance	100.00		100.00	100.00		100.00			
Total Special Appropriations	50,294.85	233,506.79	303,801.64	211,132.12	5,619.15	216,751.27	3,426.70	94,062.10	10,438.43
INTEREST AND MATURING DEBTS									
Interest									
Temporary Loans	1,000.00								
From Reserve Fund		400.00	1,400.00	1,116.00		1,116.00	284.00		
Fixed Debt	2,654.00		2,654.00	2,653.50		2,653.50	.50		
County T B Hospital	601.59		601.59	601.59		601.59			
Maturing Debt									
Loans in Anticipation of Revenue									
1946 Balance		100,000.00							
Loan Revenue		300,000.00	400,000.00	400,000.00		400,000.00			
General Loans	36,600.00		36,600.00	36,600.00		36,600.00			
County T B Hospital	5,300.00		5,300.00	5,300.00		5,300.00			
Total Interest and Maturing Debt	46,155.59	400,400.00	446,555.59	413,271.09		446,271.09	284.50		
AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENTS									
State Tax	12,250.00		12,250.00	12,250.00		12,250.00			
State Auditing Tax	627.16		627.16	627.16		627.16			
State Parks and Reservation Tax	1,384.59		1,384.59	1,112.92		1,112.92		271.67	
State Exam. of Retirement Systems	40.51		40.51	40.51		40.51			
County Tax	31,519.30		31,519.30	31,129.07		31,129.07		3,390.23	
County T B Hospital									
Maintenance Tax	14,305.54		14,305.54	15,392.29		15,392.29			1,086.75
Dog Tax Fees—Paid to County		1,984.80	1,984.80	1,984.80		1,984.80			
Federal Withholding Tax									
1946 Balance		3,410.85							
From Employees		52,744.55	56,155.40	49,544.74		49,544.74		6,610.00	
Blue Cross Deductions									
1946 Balance		748.00							
From Employees' Wages		3,890.74	4,638.74	4,638.74		4,638.74			
Tri-Community Chest		58.00	58.00	58.00		58.00			
Insurance Loss—Re-imbursement Account									
From Insurance Companies		1,024.03	1,024.03						
To Town Hall Storm Damage					1,024.03	1,024.03			
J. J. Angell Funds									
1946 Balance		31.27	31.27					31.27	
A. Boyer, Jr. Funds									
1946 Balance		11.29	11.29					11.29	
Ella M. Cole Fund									
1946 Balance		249.18							
Investment Income		57.50	306.68	11.35		11.35		295.33	
Mary Mynott Fund									
1946 Balance		59.14							
Investment Income		26.00	79.14	30.98					
To Excess and Deficiency					3.33	34.31		44.83	
U. S. War Bonds									
(Post War Rehabilitation Acct.)									
Investment Income		3,375.00	3,375.00	3,375.00		3,375.00			
Cemetery Perpetual Care Receipts		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00			
Total Agency, Trust and Investment	63,127.10	68,664.35	131,791.45	121,195.56	1,027.36	122,222.92		10,655.28	1,086.75
GENERAL RECAPITULATION:									
General Government	59,313.00	782.72	60,095.72	57,558.51	150.00	57,708.51	1,614.56	772.65	
Protection of Persons and Property	159,827.93	4,240.47	164,068.40	160,375.70	6.17	160,381.87	3,686.53		
Health and Sanitation	21,025.00	500.00	21,525.00	22,629.04		22,629.04	1,895.96		
Highways	71,599.04	8,513.94	80,112.98	78,061.05	1,888.18	81,749.13	562.51		2,198.66
Charities and Veterans Benefits	124,809.00	77,490.67	227,399.67	24,415.25	1,551.37	215,756.29	4,978.02	6,665.36	
Schools and Libraries	381,085.81	6,328.44	387,414.25	374,142.12	436.91	374,579.03	11,547.39	1,287.83	
Recreation and Unclassified	44,321.00	3,533.41	47,854.41	44,818.62		41,818.62	2,978.15	57.64	
Enterprise and Cemetery	3,600.00	5,172.89	8,772.89	5,917.74		5,917.74		2,855.15	
Special Appropriations	50,294.85	253,506.79	303,801.64	211,132.12	5,619.15	216,751.27	3,426.70	94,062.10	10,438.43
Interest and Maturing Debt	46,155.59	400,400.00	446,555.59	413,271.09		446,271.09	284.50		
Agency, Trust and Investment	63,127.10	68,664.35	131,791.45	121,195.56	1,027.36	122,222.92		10,655.28	1,086.75
Overlays for Current Year	15,313.91								
	1,043,472.23	829,133.68	1,882,392.00	1,513,516.80	10,679.14	1,748,785.51	30,974.32	116,356.01	13,723.84

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